

Teacher CEU Toolbox

Course Syllabus:

Teaching Critical Thinking Skills

What is this course about?

Every student, no matter how young, can learn and benefit from critical thinking skills. Critical thinking skills are a crucial part of Common Core State Standards and 21st century learning. Participants in Teaching Critical Thinking Skills will gain knowledge and strategies to assist their students in practicing and mastering critical thinking for inside and outside of the classroom, and future success. Topics covered include PBL, multiple intelligences, Bloom's Taxonomy, employment skills, lesson planning and more. The minimum time for participant completion of this course includes both enrollment time and system logged in activity time. Enrollment time is a total of three calendar days (4320 minutes) from the moment of enrollment. Activity time includes 300 minutes logged into the system. This 30-hour course uses a combination of both time requirements to maximize participation and allow time for completion of ongoing assignments and assessments. Completion certificates are restricted until both time requirements are accomplished. The minimum time for participant completion of this course includes both enrollment time and system logged in activity time. Enrollment time is a total of three calendar days (4320 minutes) from the moment of enrollment. Activity time includes 300 minutes logged into the system. This 30-hour course uses a combination of both time requirements to maximize participation and allow time for completion of ongoing assignments and assessments. Completion certificates are restricted until both time requirements are accomplished. It is suggested that you use this syllabus to seek prior approval from your individual licensing agency BEFORE registering for this course.

- Approved for 3.0 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) = 30 Hours (30 clock hours)
- Approved by Nevada Department of Education (NVDOE) as 2.0 CEUs for Nevada Educators

By the end of this course, you will:

- ✓ *Understand critical thinking, its place in the classroom, and how to transmit those skills to your students*
- ✓ *Be able to define and explain critical thinking for your students*
- ✓ *Understand the necessity of critical thinking across academic disciplines*
- ✓ *Know how to plan, instruct and assess a critical thinking lesson*
- ✓ *Create lesson plans combining critical thinking with other teaching techniques*
- ✓ *Understand which critical thinking skills your students need in college and in the workplace*

The main topics covered in this course are:

Unit 1: *The Importance of Critical Thinking*

- ✓ *Thinking Critically*
- ✓ *Critical Thinking and Bloom's Taxonomy*
- ✓ *Why Your Students Need Critical Thinking Skills*

Unit 2: *Critical Thinking as Part of a Larger Curriculum*

- ✓ *Overview of the CCSS and 21st century skills*
- ✓ *Critical Thinking in Math and ELA*
- ✓ *Critical Thinking in Other Academic Subjects*

Unit 3: *Combining Critical Thinking with Other Techniques*

- ✓ *Multiple Intelligences and Critical Thinking*
- ✓ *Critical Thinking and PBL*

Unit 4: *Critical Thinking Strategies in the Classroom*

- ✓ *What a Critical Thinking Lesson Looks Like*
- ✓ *Challenging Your Students and Yourself*

Unit 5: *Critical Thinking Outside the Classroom*

- ✓ *Critical Thinking and Future Professions*
- ✓ *Critical Thinking in Daily Student Life*

Unit 6: *Beyond Critical Thinking*

- ✓ *Creative Critical Thinking*
- ✓ *Benefits of and Challenges to Critical Thinking*

Intended Audience:

- ✓ *Educators who want to teach critical thinking with intention and purpose*
- ✓ *Teachers in any discipline who want to better prepare their students for college and work*
- ✓ *Educators who want to build connections between content, students, and the world*

Session Dates and Costs:

This and all Teacher CEU Toolbox courses are self-paced. Once a participant purchases access to a course, that individual has one calendar year to complete the course requirements. Our

courses are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can register and purchase access to courses online, via credit card, in our secure environment.

- ✓ **Course Cost: \$149.95**

Course Credit Requirements:

- ✓ *This course is organized into six academic units*
- ✓ *You need to spend at least thirty hours over three days (4320 minutes = 72 hours = 3 days) in this course to receive credit*
- ✓ *You need an internet-connected device and a reliable internet connection to take this course*
- ✓ *You must access all of the site pages to receive credit for the course*
- ✓ *You must complete all of the lesson tasks that reinforce the course content*
- ✓ *You must take the Course Pre-Test, each unit quiz (score at least 90% in no more than three attempts), and the Course Post-Test (score at least 85% in no more than three attempts) to receive credit for the course*
- ✓ *You must complete the course evaluation*
- ✓ *If you have questions or problems, please email customer service at help@teacherceutoolbox.com*