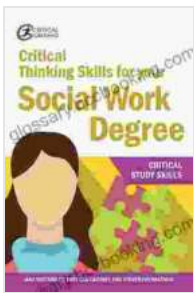


Critical Thinking Skills for Your Social Work Degree and Career

What is critical thinking?

Critical thinking is the ability to think clearly and rationally about what to do or what to believe. It involves the ability to analyze information, identify biases, and evaluate evidence. Critical thinking is a vital skill for social workers, as it allows them to make sound decisions that benefit their clients.



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Why is critical thinking important for social workers?

Critical thinking is important for social workers for a number of reasons. First, it allows social workers to make sound decisions about how to help their clients. Social workers are often faced with complex situations, and they need to be able to think critically about the best way to help their clients achieve their goals.

Second, critical thinking helps social workers to identify and challenge biases. All people have biases, and social workers are no exception. However, it is important for social workers to be aware of their biases so that they can avoid making decisions that are based on prejudice or discrimination.

Third, critical thinking helps social workers to evaluate evidence. Social workers often need to make decisions based on evidence. It is important for social workers to be able to evaluate the evidence carefully so that they can make decisions that are based on the best available information.

How can you develop your critical thinking skills?

There are a number of things you can do to develop your critical thinking skills. Here are a few tips:

- * **Be open-minded.** One of the most important things you can do to develop your critical thinking skills is to be open-minded. This means being willing to consider new ideas and perspectives, even if they challenge your own beliefs.
- * **Ask questions.** Don't be afraid to ask questions. Asking questions is a great way to learn new things and to challenge your own assumptions.
- * **Be skeptical.** Don't believe everything you hear. Be skeptical of claims and assertions, and always look for evidence to support them.
- * **Analyze information.** When you're presented with information, take the time to analyze it carefully. Consider the source of the information, the evidence that supports it, and the biases that might be present.
- * **Evaluate evidence.** Once you've analyzed the information, you need to evaluate the evidence. Consider the strength of the evidence, the relevance of the evidence, and the implications of the evidence.
- * **Make decisions.** Once you've evaluated the evidence, you need to make a

decision. Be clear about the reasons for your decision, and be willing to justify your decision to others.

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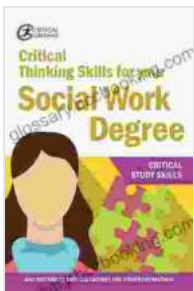
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