

# 1. Identify the relationships among critical thinking, clinical reasoning, & clinical judgment

◦ Clinical judgment → ability to observe, think, prioritize, plan, act, & evaluate.

◦ critical thinking + clinical reasoning = Clinical Judgment

Application of knowledge & experience to identify patient problems & to direct clinical judgements & actions

Ability to focus & filter clinical data to recognize information so the Nurse can determine any problems

# 2. Describe the intellectual standards of critical thinking

- Clarity
- Accuracy
- Precision
- Relevance
- Depth
- Breadth
- Logic
- Significance
- Fairness

# 3. Discuss critical thinking components & attitudes

- Knowledge review
  - baseline knowledge
  - info gathering
- Reasoning
  - Deductive
  - inductive
- Inferences
  - intuition
  - interpretation
- Validation
- Attitudes needed
  - Confidence
  - thinking independently
  - fairness
  - responsibility
  - accountability
  - risk-taking
  - discipline
  - perseverance
  - creativity
  - Curiosity
  - integrity
  - humility

# 4. Apply Principles of Critical thinking to Nursing practice.

- interpretation
- Analysis
- Evaluation
- inference
- explanation
- self-regulation
- clinical decision making

5. Explain errors to avoid in providing safe & competent client care

- bias
- illogical thinking
- Lack of info
- closed-mindedness
- erroneous assumptions

6. Describe methods for improving critical thinking in Nursing.

- Discussion w/ colleagues
- emotional intelligence
- Audible verbalization of thoughts
- Literature review
- intentional application of knowledge
- Concept maps
- simulation
- roleplay
- written work