

Critical and Creative Thinking for Transformational Auditing

Course Number: 5803

Length: 2 Days

Primary Delivery Method: Instructor-led online (synchronous)

Alternative Delivery Methods: Instructor-led live classroom

Course Description

Learn how to apply critical and creative thinking to identify significant issues, risks, opportunities, and solutions in government audit environments. In this course, you will explore characteristics of critical thinkers and strategies for overcoming common thinking patterns that can affect audit judgment. Participants will practice using practical tools and approaches, grounded in *Government Auditing Standards* (the *Yellow Book*), to support professional judgment and professional skepticism throughout planning, fieldwork, reporting, and follow-up.

Intended Audience

This course is intended for government auditors, analysts, evaluators, and investigators at all levels who want to build critical and creative thinking skills for identifying problems, root causes, implications, opportunities, and practical solutions.

Course Learning Objectives

- Explain the role of critical thinking as an essential skill for sound audit judgment and decision-making
- Identify strategies for overcoming common barriers to critical thinking in audit work
- Apply critical and creative thinking strategies to improve audit analysis and recommendations
- Use various tools and strategies to generate ideas addressing audit problems

Course Schedule

DAY ONE	
MORNING	Opening Exercise
	Module 1: The Critical Thinker
LUNCH	
AFTERNOON	Module 2: Overcoming Critical-Thinking Barriers

DAY TWO	
MORNING	Module 3: A Model for Problem Solving

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LUNCH	
AFTERNOON	Module 4: Problem-Solving Strategies
	Course Evaluation

Learning Methods

Individual, small-group, and large-group exercises; lecture, discussion, case study, action planning

Credits

National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA)

- Field of Study: Auditing
- CPEs: 16

Professional Development Units (PDUs)

- Credits: 14

Continuous Learning Points (CLPs)

- Credits: 16

Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites for this course.

Pework

There is no prework required for this course.

Requirements for Successful Completion

Full (100%) attendance is expected and required. Successful completion of the course depends on full class attendance and active participation in individual and group exercises.

Follow-On Resources

- [Leadership Skills for Auditing Organizations](#)
- Effective Audit Briefings, Status Meetings and Presentations
- [Keeping the Audit on Track: Critical Skills for Audit Managers](#)

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- [Auditing Fundamentals in the Federal Government](#)
- [Audit Interviews: Skills for Success](#)
- [Key to Audit Success: Focus on Objectives](#)
- [Audit Boot Camp](#)
- [Preparing High-Impact Audit Reports](#)

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