



## Critical Thinking – Strategies for Supporting the Development of this Competency

<b>Facilitator(s):</b>	Corrie Ziegler
<b>Date:</b>	April 10, 2017
<b>Time:</b>	9:00 am – 3:30 pm
<b>Cost:</b>	\$50.00  (includes lunch, which is not prepared in a nut/gluten-free environment)
<b>Location:</b>	Edmonton (ERLC Office at Elmwood School) Room 17/18, 16325 - 83 Avenue
<b>Session Code:</b>	17-CR-049



### Who Should Attend

K – 12 Teachers, Learning Coaches and School Administrators

### About this Learning Opportunity

Critical thinking is not new - educators around the world recognize critical thinking as an important competency for all students to develop.

Alberta Education has identified critical thinking as one of the eight competencies listed in the Ministerial Order on Student Learning. But, how can teachers effectively engage students in critical thinking within Alberta's Programs of Study?

This interactive session will begin by defining critical thinking and reflecting on our perceptions related to this competency. Through interactive discussions and protocols, you will deepen your understanding of how critical thinking is a form of teaching that should be embedded in every aspect of what a student does in class, regardless of subject or grade level. You will understand why critical thinking should not happen in isolation, or in specific subjects, but should permeate all Programs of Study.

Throughout the day, you will deepen your understanding of the attitudes, skills and knowledge students need in order to effectively engage in critical thinking. Basic tools and strategies to support student development of critical thinking will be shared (and experienced!), with the opportunity to tailor the tools to your grade level. The final portion of the day will explore how to gather evidence of student's growth in relation to critical thinking, as well as examine proven formative assessment strategies, including how to build criteria related to critical thinking.

You will leave this session inspired, informed and ready to

### About the Facilitator(s)

**Corrie Ziegler** has been an educator for over 36 years and prior to joining Edmonton Regional Learning Consortium, she worked as a teacher, principal, supervisor and director with Edmonton Public Schools. She has led AISI projects, managed teams, and has facilitated numerous sessions on a broad spectrum of topics related to teaching and learning. Corrie believes in the power of collaboration and has coached numerous learning communities in working together to achieve high levels of engagement and learning for all students.



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create a culture of critical thinking in your classroom, where students will more deeply master curriculum outcomes!

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