

# 10. Leading with Strategic Thinking

## Overview

It often seems like the whole world is on information overload. Each day, we encounter massive amounts of new false, or dubious information, alongside a steady stream of data that may, or may not, be relevant to our needs. As a leader, your critical thinking skills are essential for deciding what is important and making the best decisions for your organization.

This course will help you improve your critical thinking skills. You'll learn about the intake, investigate, and act stages of critical thinking, as well as how to use analytical techniques to assess information. Finally, you'll learn the advantages of keeping an open mind through cognitive flexibility.

## Learning Objectives

- identify examples that reflect the mindset of a critical thinker
- recognize actions taken during the intake stage of critical thinking
- recognize instances of faulty reasoning using critical thinking
- select appropriate analytical techniques to use at different stages of the critical thinking process
- identify examples that reflect cognitive flexibility
- recognize key questions to ask in coming to a decision