Tool for tertiary teachers – Global Poster

Facilitating Critical Thinking in Initial Teacher Education

Open-mindedness

What provocations, quotes and readings do I provide for students to be open to other perspectives?

In what ways do my classroom activities challenge the students to have their viewpoints, assumptions and biases challenged?

How are the questions I am using in class developing critical thinking skills?

Time

How does my teaching, assessment and evaluation allow students time to reflect critically and process information?

How does my teaching teach students the difference between reflection and critical thinking?

In what ways are my students encouraged to consider different perspectives?

Does my planning allow more student time than teacher time?

Relationships

How does my teaching encourage students to ask questions?

How do I provide a safe teaching environment that fosters relationships amongst students?

Change (practice/behaviour)

How do I evaluate students' understanding of critical thinking?

What have I learnt?

What worked well and what needs to be modified?

Where can I access more information to support my teaching and understanding?

What changes are visible in the students' critical thinking?

What do I know about critical thinking?

Confidence

How does the teaching session build confidence and provide a safe place?

In what ways do assessments specifically mention and require students to demonstrate critical thinking?

How do the assessments foster and build confidence?

This resource is designed to promote a student's critical thinking and can be used by tertiary teachers in the following ways: a) pinned up on the wall when planning teaching sessions; b) used to develop student evaluations; c) used by tertiary teachers when writing reflections on their practice; d) used when reviewing, developing, planning, teaching, assessing and e) used at staff meetings to discuss effective practice, strengths and areas for development.

The full resource set is available at:

www.akoaotearoa.ac.nz/critical-thinking-initial-teacher-education