

WISCONSIN INDIANHEAD TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
ALLIED HEALTH  
STUDENT HANDBOOK

## Good Thinking vs. Poor Thinking

ASPECT	THE GOOD THINKER	THE POOR THINKER
<b>General Traits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcomes problematic situations and is tolerant of ambiguity.</li><li>• Is sufficiently self-critical; looks for alternate possibilities and goals; seeks evidence on both sides.</li><li>• Is reflective and deliberative; searches extensively when appropriate.</li><li>• Believes in the value of rationality and that thinking can be effective.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Searches for certainty and is intolerant of ambiguity.</li><li>• Is not self-critical and is satisfied with first attempts.</li><li>• Is impulsive, gives up prematurely, and is overconfident of the correctness of initial ideas.</li><li>• Overvalues intuition, denigrates rationality; believes thinking won't help.</li></ul>
<b>Goals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Is deliberative in discovering goals.</li><li>• Revises goals when necessary.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Is impulsive in discovering goals.</li><li>• Does not revise goals.</li></ul>
<b>Possibilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Is open to multiple possibilities and considers alternatives.</li><li>• Is deliberative in analyzing possibilities.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prefers to deal with limited possibilities; does not seek alternatives to an initial possibility.</li><li>• Is impulsive in choosing possibilities.</li></ul>
<b>Evidence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Uses evidence that challenges favored possibilities.</li><li>• Consciously searches for evidence against possibilities that are initially strong, or in favor of those that are weak.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ignores evidence that challenges favored possibilities.</li><li>• Consciously searches only for evidence that favors strong possibilities.</li></ul>

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