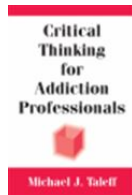


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- * The characteristics of a critical thinking professional
- * What drives bad thinking in addiction work
- * How to recognize and avoid thinking fallacies
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