Scaffolding Measureable Objectives

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Today's Objectives

- 1. Examine levels of objectives.
- 2. Review components of objectives.
- 3. Discuss how to adapt levels of objectives.



Behavioral Objective

A description of a performance you want learners to exhibit before you consider them competent.

Essential knowledge, skills and attitudes (KSA)



Levels of Objectives

- Program (Outcomes)
 - KSAs of program graduates
- Course (Goals)
 - KSAs identified for subject area
- Instructional
 - Detailed KSAs with conditions and criteria



Example

• Program

 Graduates of the program will be able to communicate effectively in speech and in writing.

- Course (Research)
 - The learner will be able to critically analyze a research study.



Example (con't)

Instructional

 Given a research journal article, the learner will be able to critique the strength of the author's work based on four elements in a 5-page paper.



Measureable Objective

- Learner
- Performance (behavior)
- Condition (given, environment)
- Criterion (to what extent)



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Process Overview

- What behavior?
- What level of performance?
- With what?
- How to measure?



First Question

What behavior do I want the learner to demonstrate after the educational activity?



What Learning Domain is it?

- Cognitive
 - Intellectual learning and problem solving
- Psychomotor
 - Physical movement and motor skills, dexterity and coordination
- Affective
 - Emotions, attitudes and value system



Identify the Verb

Remember, the verb alone does not determine the domain level of the objective.

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Critique a research study.



Identify the Condition

- Where
- What
- When



Identify the Criterion

- To what extent
- What shows the KSAs
- Competence
- Mastery



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Review

• Program

 Graduates of the program will be able to communicate effectively in speech and in writing.

- Course (Research)
 - The learner will be able to analyze a research study.



Instructional

Critique a research study.

- Identify the elements of a research article.
- Given a research journal article, the learner will be able to critique the strength of the author's work based on four elements in a 5page paper.



Key points

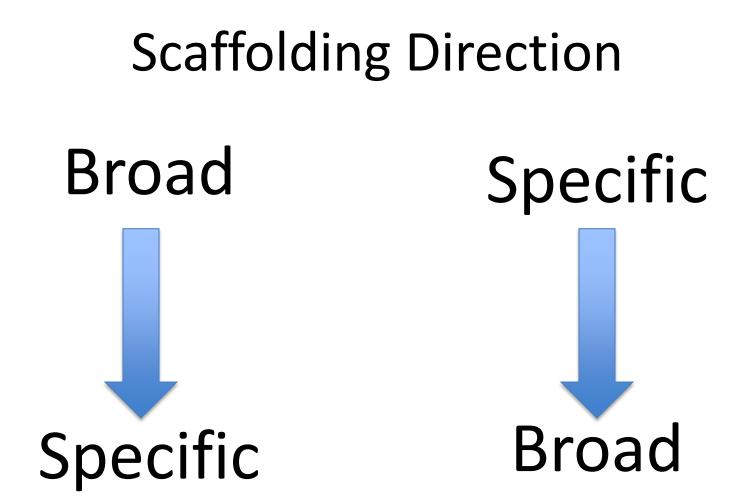
- Only one verb per objective
- Avoid adverbs and adjectives
 Effectively, professionally, etc.
- Make the connections across instructional, course and program objectives (thread)
- S. M. A. R. T.



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- Specific
- Measureable
- Attainable
- Realistic
- Time-based







Did we meet the objectives?

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2. Review components of objectives.

3. Discuss how to adapt levels of objectives.



Questions and Discussion



Thank You!

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