

Analyzing the planning process

Sometimes we undertake a learning project without consciously planning ahead. Becoming aware of the stages of project planning can bring greater focus and clarity to our activities. Sometimes it is helpful to recall a project we have undertaken in the past, or one in which we are currently engaged.

SUGGESTIONS

Analyze the planning process you used for a previous learning project by reviewing what you did at each of the following stages. Note what strategies worked well for you.

1. Select a focus for change.
2. Develop a vision.
3. Identify a goal or question for inquiry.
4. Create an action plan.
5. Establish support systems.
6. Anticipate challenges.
7. Prepare to learn from experience.