WRITING LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Learning objectives should be measurable and begin with a verb that can be measured, e.g. understand is **NOT** on the list because one’s understanding cannot be readily measured. The following list is designed to help you create objectives. Try to be specific and vary the verbs. The columns on the left are the most frequently used, to strive for higher level skills rephrase the way you want to state something. Basic examples include:

\***Describe** the following congenital abdominal wall anomalies: umbilical hernia, omphalocele, gastroschisis, & pentalogy of Cantrell.

\***Identify** the essential components of an antenatal discussion with parents.

\***Delineate** initial therapy of abdominal wall anomalies.

Appropriate Verbs for Learning Objectives

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| **KNOWLEDGE** | **COMPREHENSION** | **APPLICATION** | **ANALYSIS** | **SYNTHESIS** | **EVALUATION** | **RECEIVING** | **RESPONDING** | **VALUING** | **ORGANIZATION** | **VALUE** |
| Cite | Arrange | Adapt | Analyze | Arrange | Appraise | Accept | Agree | Adopt | Anticipate | Act |
| Choose | Associate | Apply | Appraise | Assemble | Approve | Acknowledge | Allow | Aid | Collaborate | Administer |
| Define | Clarify | Catalogue | Audit | Build | Assess | Attend (to) | Answer | Care (for) | Confer | Advance |
| Label | Classify | Chart | Break down | Combine | Choose | Follow | Ask | Complete | Consider | Advocate |
| List | Convert | Compute | Calculate | Compile | Conclude | Listen | Assist | Compliment | Consult | Aid |
| Locate | Describe | Consolidate | Categorize | Compose | Confirm | Meet | Attempt | Contribute | Coordinate | Challenge |
| Match | Diagram | Demonstrate | Certify | Conceive | Criticize | Observe | Choose | Delay | Design | Change |
| Name | Draw | Develop | Compare | Construct | Critique | Receive | Communicate | Encourage | Direct | Commit (to) |
| Recall | Discuss | Employ | Contrast | Create | Diagnose |  | Comply | Endorse | Establish | Counsel |
| Recognize | Estimate | Extend | Correlate | Design | Evaluate |  | Conform | Enforce | Facilitate | Criticize |
| Record | Explain | Extrapolate | Criticize | Devise | Judge |  | Cooperate | Evaluate | Follow through | Debate |
| Repeat | Express | Generalize | Deduce | Discover | Justify |  | Demonstrate | Expedite | Investigate | Defend |
| Select | Identify | Illustrate | Defend | Draft | Prioritize |  | Describe | Foster | Judge | Disagree |
| State | Locate | Infer | Detect | Formulate | Prove |  | Discus | Guide | Lead | Dispute |
| Write | Outline | Interpolate | Diagram | Generate | Rank |  | Display | Initiate | Manage | Empathize |
|  | Paraphrase | Interpret | Differentiate | Integrate | Rate |  | Exhibit | Interact | Modify | Endeavor |
|  | Report | Manipulate | Discriminate | Make | Recommend |  | Follow | Join | Organize | Enhance |
|  | Restate | Modify | Distinguish | Manage | Research |  | Give | Justify | Oversee | Excuse |
|  | Review | Order | Examine | Organize | Resolve |  | Help | Maintain | Plan | Forgive |
|  | Sort | Predict | Infer | Plan | Revise |  | Identify | Monitor | Qualify | Influence |
|  | Summarize | Prepare | Inspect | Predict | Rule on |  | Locate | Praise | Recommend | Motivate |
|  | Transfer | Produce | Investigate | Prepare | Select |  | Notify | Preserve | Revise | Negotiate |
|  | Translate | Relate | Question | Propose | Support |  | Obey | Propose | Simplify | Object |
|  |  | Sketch | Reason | Reorder | Validate |  | Offer | Query | Specify | Persevere |
|  |  | Submit | Separate | Reorganize |  |  | Participate (in) | React | Submit | Persist |
|  |  | Tabulate | Solve | Set up |  |  | Practice | Respect | Synthesize | Praise |
|  |  | Transcribe | Survey | Structure |  |  | Present | Seek | Test | Profess |
|  |  | Use | Test | Synthesize |  |  | Read | Share | Vary | Promote |
|  |  | Utilize | Uncover |  |  |  | Relay | Study | Weigh | Promulgate |
|  |  |  | Verify |  |  |  | Reply | Subscribe |  | Question |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Respond | Suggest |  | Reject |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Select | Support |  | Resolve |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Try | Thank |  | Seek |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Uphold |  | Serve |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Solve |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Strive |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Tolerate |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Volunteer (for) |