

Faculty Development Grand Rounds
“How to Write Higher Order Learning Objectives”
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Objectives Verbs Resource

Verbs Frequently Used for Lower-Order Objectives

Knowledge	Comprehension	Application
list	associate	solve
name	summarize	illustrate
identify	explain	calculate
define	put into your own words	use
recognize	describe	relate
recall	compare	manipulate
state	contrast	apply
	paraphrase	classify
	differentiate	modify
	restate	demonstrate
		predict

Verbs Frequently Used for Higher-Order Objectives

Analysis	Synthesis	Evaluation
analyze	construct	appraise
choose	create	assess
deduce	design	criticize
distinguish	discuss	defend
organize	plan	evaluate
question	propose	estimate
	report	judge
	support	justify
		validate

Online Resources

<http://www.adprima.com/>

ADPRIMA is a source of quality information for educators. The site provides practical information on lesson planning, learning objectives, teaching methods, and a whole lot more.

<http://med.fsu.edu/education/FacultyDevelopment/objectives.asp>

Florida State University College of Medicine: “Information About Behavioral Objectives and How to Write Them”

<http://www.usuhs.mil/eti/resources.htm>

Electronic versions of this faculty development session’s handouts are available online.