Sunday, July 24
1:00 p.m. - 7:00p.m. EDT
Pre-Conference
- Placing Critical Thinking at the Heart of Teaching and Learning Every Day– Dr. Brian Barnes
- Improving Student Writing in Any Class Through Explicit Tools of Critical Thinking– Dr. Gerald Nosich
- Advanced Session: Improving Your Instruction Through an Enriched Understanding of Critical Thinking Fundamentals– Dr. Paul Bankes

Monday, July 25
Pre-Recorded
- Introduction to the Conference– Dr. Linda Elder
Please view before attending sessions.
12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. EDT
Focal Sessions I
- Foundational for New Participants: Understanding Critical Thinking as Essential to Education in Any Field of Study and at Every Level– Dr. Linda Elder
- For Business and Government: Using Critical Thinking to Analyze Problems– Dr. Paul Bankes
- For Returning Attendees: Practice Deconstructing Problems in Your Classes or Profession– Dr. Linda Tym
Pre-Recorded
- Introduction to the Conference– Dr. Linda Elder
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3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. EDT
Focal Sessions II
Choose from the following:
- Teaching Students to Properly Assess Reasoning in Every Course– Dr. Gerald Nosich
- Connecting Evidence-Based Instruction to the Rich Tools of Critical Thinking– Dr. Paul Bankes
- For Returning Attendees: Where Are You in the Stages of Critical Thinking Development?– Dr. Carmen Polka
Pre-Recorded
- Introduction to the Conference– Dr. Linda Elder
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Monday, July 25 cont.
8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. EDT
Focal Sessions III
Choose from the following:
- Repeat (Foundational for New Registrants): Understanding Critical Thinking as Essential to Education in Any Field of Study and at Every Level– Dr. Gerald Nosich
- Repeat: Connecting Evidence-Based Instruction to the Rich Tools of Critical Thinking– Dr. Linda Elder
- Repeat (For Returning Attendees): Practice Deconstructing Problems in Your Classes or Profession– Dr. Linda Tym

Tuesday, July 26
12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. EDT
Focal Sessions IV
Choose from the following:
- Helping Students Learn the Fundamental and Powerful Concepts in Your Courses– Dr. Linda Elder
- For Business and Government: Using Critical Thinking to Evaluate Alternatives in Complex Contexts– Dr. Brian Barnes
- Practice Deconstructing the Reasoning Embedded in Articles or Chapters to Improve Your Instruction and/or Knowledge Base in Any Field– Dr. Paul Bankes
3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. EDT
Focal Sessions V
Choose from the following:
- Why Education Should Entail the Development of Intellectual Character as Well as Skills and Abilities– Dr. Gerald Nosich
- Helping Students Learn to Reason Through Social, Political, and Environmental Issues Using the Tools of Critical Thinking– Dr. Carmen Polka
- How Ego-centric and Sociocentric Thinking Lead to Belief in Misinformation, Fake News, Conspiracy Theories and All Manner of Nonsense– Dr. Brian Barnes
8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. EDT
Focal Sessions VI
Choose from the following:
- Repeat: Helping Students Learn the Fundamental and Powerful Concepts in Your Courses– Dr. Gerald Nosich
- Educating for Freedom of Thought and Why This is Essential to Cultivating Fairminded Critical Societies– Dr. Linda Elder
- Repeat: Practice Deconstructing the Reasoning Embedded in Articles or Chapters - to Improve Your Instruction and/or Knowledge Base in any Field– Dr. Paul Bankes

Wednesday, July 27
3:00 p.m. EDT
Guest Presentations Posted
8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. EDT
Professional Development Meetings
Join us for discussions on how to bring critical thinking across your department or institution.
- K-12: Dr. Linda Elder
- Higher Education– Dr. Gerald Nosich
- Business & Government– Dr. Brian Barnes

Thursday, July 28
12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. EDT
Focal Sessions VII
Choose from the following:
- How to Approach Students as Thinkers in K-12 Instruction– Dr. Paul Bankes
- How to Assess Yourself as a Reasoner; How Students Can Assess Themselves as Reasoners– Dr. Brian Barnes
- Why Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Social Justice and Anti-Racism Require Critical Thinking– Dr. Linda Elder
3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. EDT
Focal Sessions VIII
Choose from the following:
- Reworking Your Syllabus Using Critical Thinking Foundations– Dr. Gerald Nosich
- Distinguish Questions of Fact, Preference and Judgment– Dr. Paul Bankes
- For Administrators: How to Support Critical Thinking at Your Institution– Dr. Carmen Polka
8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. EDT
Focal Sessions IX
Choose from the following:
- Repeat: How to Assess Yourself as a Reasoner; How Students Can Assess Themselves as Reasoners– Dr. Brian Barnes
- Repeat: Reworking Your Syllabus Through Critical Thinking Foundations– Dr. Gerald Nosich
- Critical Thinking Therapy for Mental Health and Self-Actualization– Dr. Linda Elder

Friday, July 29
Choose from the following:
12:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. EDT
- Early Closing Session– Dr. Linda Elder
8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. EDT
- Late Closing Session– Dr. Gerald Nosich