

# **Clear Writing Through Critical Thinking**

8 hours CPE Credit



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### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Think more clearly by improving your writing. Write more clearly by improving your thinking. Understand critical thinking and learn strategies for deeper and deeper levels of thinking. Improve your thought process at each stage of the writing process. Create logical and persuasive arguments and recognize and remove faulty logic. Sharpen your problem-solving skills and enhance group success. Write plainly as mandated by the Federal Plain Writing Act of 2011 and empower your career with critical thinking and clear writing.

## S WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

Learning Outcomes:

- Understand and apply critical thinking in writing
- · Use the seven traits to evaluate and improve writing
- · Apply, analyze, evaluate, and create information
- Think critically through each stage of the writing process
- · Build logical and persuasive arguments
- · Reason deductively and inductively
- · Create arguments that are consistent, complete, sound, and valid
- Avoid faulty logic in your writing and evaluate documents you read for faulty logic
- · Devise, evaluate, and implement solutions to problems
- · Think critically to analyze problems

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Individuals who want to improve their critical thinking and writing skills.

## **\$** TUITION FEES

With funding support from the United States Department of the Interior, Office of Insular Affairs, courses are available free of charge for government accountability professionals within the insular areas. The course fee is waived and there is no cost to register and attend, Professionals who do not meet the above criteria, please contact *info@pitiviti.org*.

	<b>March 6, 2025</b> 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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#### **COURSE DATE AND TIME**

This is specifically designed for the CNMI Office of the Public Auditor. The course will be held in the CNMI Samoa on *Thursday March 6, 2025 8:00 AM – 5:00 pm*.



### **Drummond Kahn**

Drummond Kahn serves on the faculty of the Graduate School USA, training auditors and financial managers in the U.S. and overseas. Since 1990, Mr. Kahn has served in federal, state, and local government auditing positions, including Chief of Internal Audit Services for the Oregon Department of Transportation, Director of Audit Services for the City of Portland, State Audit Administrator for the Oregon Audits Division, and in the U.S. Government Accountability Office.

Mr. Kahn is a past national Association of Local Government Auditors President. He teaches graduate courses at Portland State University's Hatfield School of Government and in the University of Oregon's Master of Accounting program.

In 2014, Mr. Kahn was named one of the 15 Most Influential Professionals in Government Auditing by the Institute of Internal Auditors' American Center for Government Auditing in recognition of "professionals who have positively impacted the practice of auditing in the public sector. In 2013, the Association of Government Accountants presented Mr. Kahn with the Frank Greathouse Distinguished Leadership Award for "sustained, outstanding leadership in financial management, resulting in notable contributions to the profession." In 2018, he was recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Association of Local Government Auditors.

Mr. Kahn holds a master's degree from the University of Oregon and a bachelor's degree from Whitman College. He is a Certified Internal Auditor, Certified Government Financial Manager, and Certified Government Auditing Professional. He has served on the Comptroller General's Advisory Council on Government Auditing Standards since 2009 and has chaired the Council since 2016.



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