

# BEHAVIOURAL COMPETENCIES

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Use Workforce v. 2

DEVELOPING  
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All behavioural indicators across proficiency levels are examples only and can be adapted or tailored to meet individual organizational needs and mandates.

For CCSA's competencies, substance use is inclusive of situations where professionals are working with individuals who use or have used substances, are diagnosed with a medically recognized substance use disorder or are experiencing harms as a result of using substances. For more information, please refer to the criteria for substance use disorders in the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*, 5<sup>th</sup> edition (DSM-5).

For more information on sex- and gender-based analysis (SGBA+), please visit [www.ccsa.ca/sex-and-gender-based-analysis](http://www.ccsa.ca/sex-and-gender-based-analysis)

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Facilitate and motivate sustained learning and create learning opportunities and resources, as well as promote and respect others' ownership of learning outcomes. Includes creation of a continuous learning environment that fosters positive growth in both work and public contexts among peers, individuals, families, communities and other groups.

	1 = Foundational	2 = Developing	3 = Proficient	4 = Advanced
<b>EXAMPLES</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establishes rapport and raises learner self-awareness prior to gaining cooperation in initiatives aimed at learning</li> <li>Assesses current knowledge, skills, education and information needs of learner, and develops a plan to address these needs</li> <li>Identifies and provides education resources and materials to enhance learning activities designed to fit the learner, their family and culture, and special needs</li> <li>Evaluates progress towards achievement of goals and adapts learning strategy, as needed</li> <li>Provides constructive feedback on progress toward goals in a collaborative and open fashion</li> <li>Presents information clearly, logically and in terms the learner can understand, and collaboratively explores how the information will help</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engages learner in problem solving around learning needs and works to develop viable and agreed-upon action steps and solutions (e.g., SMART goals: specific, measurable, achievable realistic, timely)</li> <li>Facilitates learning by using examples and evidence that are relevant to or draw on experience of learners from a diversity of backgrounds</li> <li>Recognizes and reinforces the abilities, efforts and improvements of the learner, offers reassurance and expresses confidence in learner's potential to grow while maintaining realistic expectations</li> <li>Gives constructive feedback to co-workers and employees that focuses on problems and behaviours rather than personalities</li> <li>Where appropriate, involves learner's networks and collateral sources in educational pursuits, while honouring and respecting any confidentiality and legal constraints</li> <li>Recognizes and addresses barriers to learning and adapting own approach</li> <li>Facilitates mentoring and coaching opportunities based on learning needs</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identifies learner's strengths, areas for development and learning style, and incorporates into learning strategies</li> <li>Uses a variety of creative and effective facilitation methods in designing and developing learning methodologies and materials</li> <li>Creates a comfortable and safe environment for learning and sharing; establishes positive tone of mutual respect and trust that encourages mutual sharing of information (e.g., within a learning group)</li> <li>Demonstrates familiarity with group dynamics in group learning situations and adapts facilitation style accordingly</li> <li>Seeks to discover common ground and assists group learners to focus on their similarities rather than differences</li> <li>Evaluates group learning needs and plans group developmental activities based on sound evidence and experience</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identifies needs and develops learning strategies, initiatives and action plans for the organization and for community groups</li> <li>Develops organizational initiatives to share and evaluate learning efforts, best practices and differential learning models</li> <li>Implements strategies to foster, support and sustain a learning culture within the organization and greater community</li> <li>Encourages research and reviews of evidence to assess impact and efficacy of learning efforts</li> <li>Sets goals and objectives that are realistic, yet challenge others to excel, leading to more advanced skill development</li> <li>Takes opportunities to share information, teach and model best practices and professionalism</li> </ol>