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#### OBJECTIVES

#### • To identify barriers to learning

• To understand how life stage, professional development, learning stage, and metacognitive knowledge are all utilized in developmental learning

• To identify fixed versus growth mindsets



- Time constraints
- Preceptor is being pulled in multiple directions
- Clinical setting is not always comfortable environment for learning
- Issues with feedback
- Other learners present
- External stressors / overwhelmed
- Patients too sick or unwilling to participate in a teaching encounter
- Do not always see outcome of visit or hospitalization
- Clinical content does not always match curriculum content
- Personality teacher / learner
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Life Stage	Learning Stage
Metacognitive	Professional
Knowledge	Development

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### LIFE STAGE

- Your learner's story
- Competing priorities
- Prior work/education and life events
- Experiences impact perspectives

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#### LEARNING STAGE

Stage	Context	Emotional Attachment	Confidence	Time Management
Novice	Removed	Low	Low	Slow
Advanced Beginner	Starting to recognize	Low	Too high	Faster but gaps
Competent	Understanding	Present and overwhelming; exhausted	Low	Slower – choices are frightening
Proficient	Fully understands	Present	Higher	Slow – still developing
Expert	Fully understands	Present	Appropriate; has intuition	Faster and appropriate

The Five Stage Model of Adult Skill Acquisition

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### METACOGNITIVE KNOWLEDGE

- Awareness, understanding, and regulation of one's own thought processes
  - Develop skills to plan, monitor, evaluate one's learning
  - Adapt to change and uncertainty in clinical setting
  - Identify personal goals, self-monitor, choose behaviors, and self-assess

• We help our students by thinking out loud and asking them to describe their thinking processes to us

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## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Continuing development of knowledge, skills, and attitudes while developing a professional identity in one's medical career
- Includes professionalism
- Encompasses life stage, learning stage, metacognitive knowledge
- Understanding your students' professional goals
- Give direct feedback

#### FIXED VS GROWTH MINDSET

- Applies across each concept
- Preceptor response is key
  - o help re-frame
  - encourage continued growth

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<b>Life Stage</b>	Learning Stage
Difficulty with application of	Difficulty with application of
knowledge	knowledge
Metacognitive Knowledge Tools for assessing student's application of knowledge	<b>Professional Development</b> Tools for application of knowledge

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Life Stage	Learning Stage
Cannot see connection curriculum-	Cannot see connection: curriculum-
clinical content	clinical content
<b>Metacognitive</b> <b>Knowledge</b> Can we help the learner see connection curriculum – clinical content	Professional Development Can we help learner see connection curriculum – clinical content

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Knowledge	Development
Stressed/overwhelmed	Stressed/overwhelmed

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#### FIXED VS GROWTH MINDSET



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