

Steps in Defining my Future in Healthcare through CCT

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My introduction to healthcare

- Personal and family experiences with healthcare shaped my thinking
- Introduction to Pharmacy – Standardized Patient for NU students
- Patient Experience of Care (PEOC) – working with Patient Family Advisory Council (PFAC)



My CCT Journey

❖ Why CCT? - Becoming an “agent of change”

- Critical Thinking
- Creative Thinking
- Philosophical Thought
- Cognitive Psychology
- Collaboration and Organizational Change
- Political and Scientific Change
- Biology in Society
- Action Research
- Processes of Research and Engagement
- Synthesis



- Exploration of pharmacy – Organization, policies, and hierarchy and inter-professional relationships
 - Discovering Physician Assistants
- Continuing the search for PA autonomy – Policies and changing healthcare environment
- Discovering a pattern developing - What is it about “autonomy”?

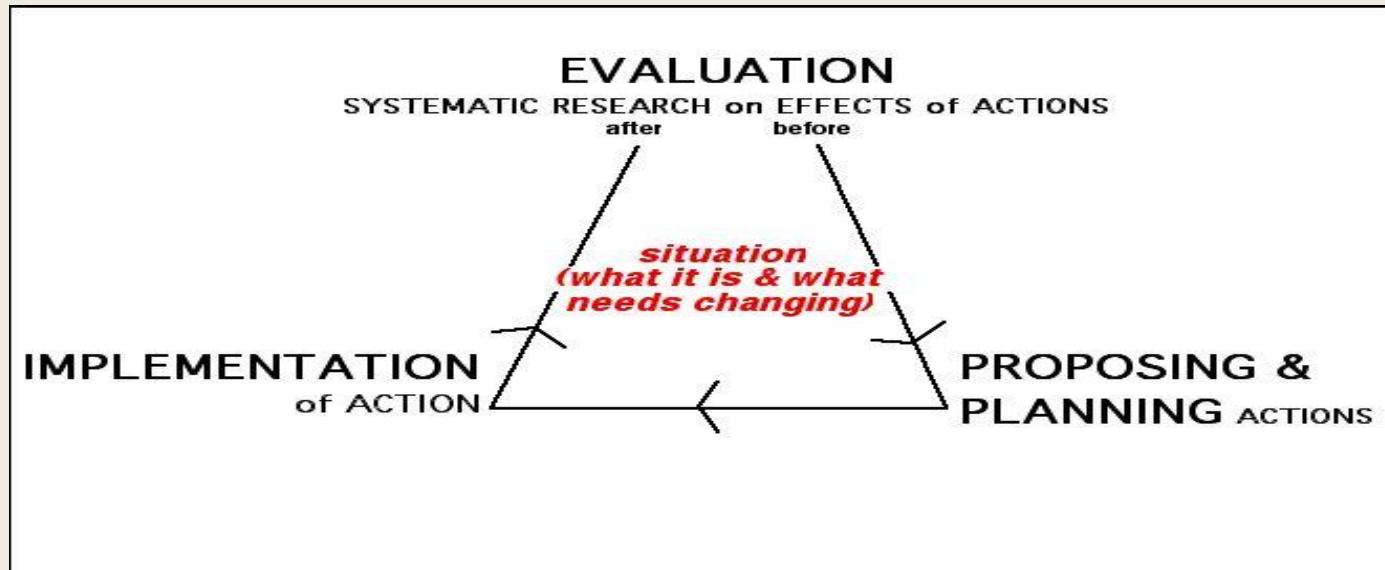


In an environment of continuous change, the subjective career offers the individual particular strength as a stabilizing core or buffer generating internal guides for self-direction personal responsibility in career decision-making. - Hall D. T.,2002

What is important to you in choosing a career or changing jobs?

Defining a Career for Me

- Frames of Reference- Appreciation of the career for what it is.
- Divergent/Convergent Thinking - Job satisfaction (Intrinsic vs. extrinsic value)
- Collaboration - Knowing the “Why, How, and Whom,” Parker, et al



What Do I Do Now?

- Continue applying skills learned in current position
- Continue searching for a career



Basing one's plans on the fashion of the moment is likely to lead to disappointment, but what is better? First, one should consider that there are some obvious societal needs that will long endure. Society will always accord prestige and financial rewards to its physicians. One cannot be so certain of the future for research scientists. We cannot state that society will support them or admire them. We cannot be sure they will find jobs, especially those who are narrowly trained. The best bet for the student is to prepare broadly, seeking a good grasp of the fundamentals of more than one science. Then, if he is willing to engage in life-long learning, he will be able to meet some of the many unexpected challenges that lie ahead.—PHILIP H. ABELSON

Thank you