

# LIST OF VERBS FOR FORMULATING EDUCATION OBJECTIVES

Learner-based objectives should complete the statement, “Upon completion of this CME activity, participants should be able to...”

The following verbs have been found to be effective in formulating educational objectives:

1. Those that impart skills

demonstrate	hold	massage	pass	write
diagnose	integrate	measure	percuss	
diagram	internalize	operate	project	
empathize	listen	palpate	record	

2. Those that communicate knowledge

Information

cite	identify	point	recognize	state
count	list	quote	record	summarize
define	match	recall	repeat	tabulate
draw	name	recite	select	trace

Comprehension

assess	conclude	estimate	interpret	review
associate	contrast	express	locate	translate
classify	demonstrate	extrapolate	predict	
compare	describe	give examples	report	
compute	differentiate	interpolate	restate	

Application

apply	dramatize	match	relate	solve
calculate	employ	operate	report	translate
choose	examine	order	restate	treat
complete	illustrate	practice	schedule	use
demonstrate	interpret	predict	select	utilize
develop	locate	prescribe	sketch	

Analysis

analyze	contrast	detect	examine	measure
appraises	criticize	diagram	experiment	question
categorize	debate	differentiate	inspect	separate
contract	deduce	distinguish	inventory	summarize

Synthesis

arrange	construct	formulate	plan	set up
assemble	create	generalize	prepare	specify
collect	design	integrate	prescribe	validate
combine	detect	manage	produce	
compose	document	organize	propose	

Evaluation

appraise	critique	evaluate	rank	score
assess	decide	grade	rate	select
choose	determine	judge	recommend	test
compare	estimate	measure	revise	