



# The “How People Learn” Framework for Instructional Design

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# Introductions and Shared Expectations

Find someone you don't know and ask....

Who are you?

What brings you here on this Friday afternoon?

If \_\_\_\_\_ happens this afternoon I will say this was time well-spent (fill in the blank)

# Learning Outcomes



1. Explore the concept of Knowledge transfer
2. Differentiate between routine expertise and adaptive expertise
3. Describe the “How People Learn” Framework
4. Apply findings to classroom/lab/clinical instruction



# Father Guido Sarducci's University

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kO8x8eoU3L4>



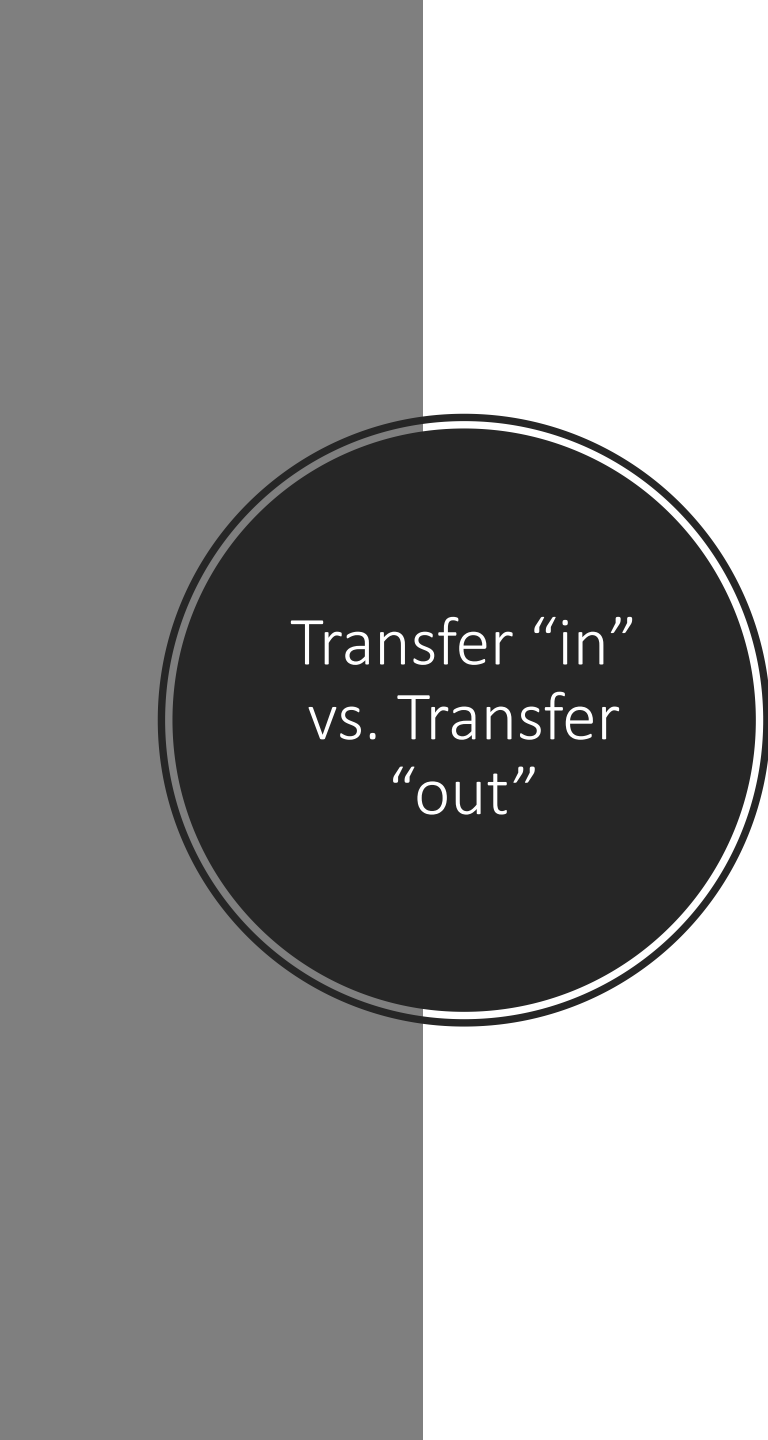
# Knowledge Transfer

Literature is still not settled on Transfer and what it means.

- Direct Application or Sequestered Problem Solving (SPS)
- Preparation for Future Learning (PFL)

Research designs that “make us look smart” vs. “make us look dumb”

Schwartz, D.L., Bransford, J.D., & Sears, D. (2003). Efficiency and Innovation in Transfer. IN Transfer of Learning and Perspectives (Mestre, Ed.).



Transfer “in”  
vs. Transfer  
“out”

Transfer “in” means bringing pre-learned (whether correct or not) knowledge and facts in to solve a new problem.

Transfer “out” means using new knowledge to solve new problems.

## Examples

1

### Transfer “in”

- Using principles of acid-base balance (learned in General Chem) to demonstrate understanding of Arterial Blood Gas Reports (ABG's)

2

### Transfer “out”

- Managing patients' physiologic acid-base balance with complex contextualized factors (co-morbidities, medication profiles, etc.)





One is not better than the other.

**\*Faculty need to be aware of what they want to accomplish with their instructional design AND more importantly does it match your assessments\***

# Your turn

Share examples of Transfer “in” and Transfer “out” from your teaching experiences.



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CALM  
AND  
TAKE YOUR  
TURN ALREADY**



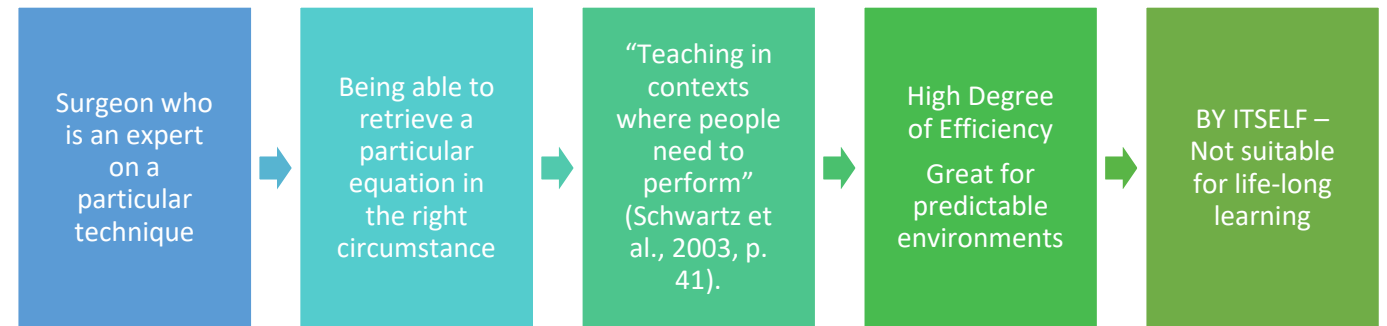
# Trust Me, I'm An Expert

## Notes about Expertise

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Routine vs. Adaptive Expertise

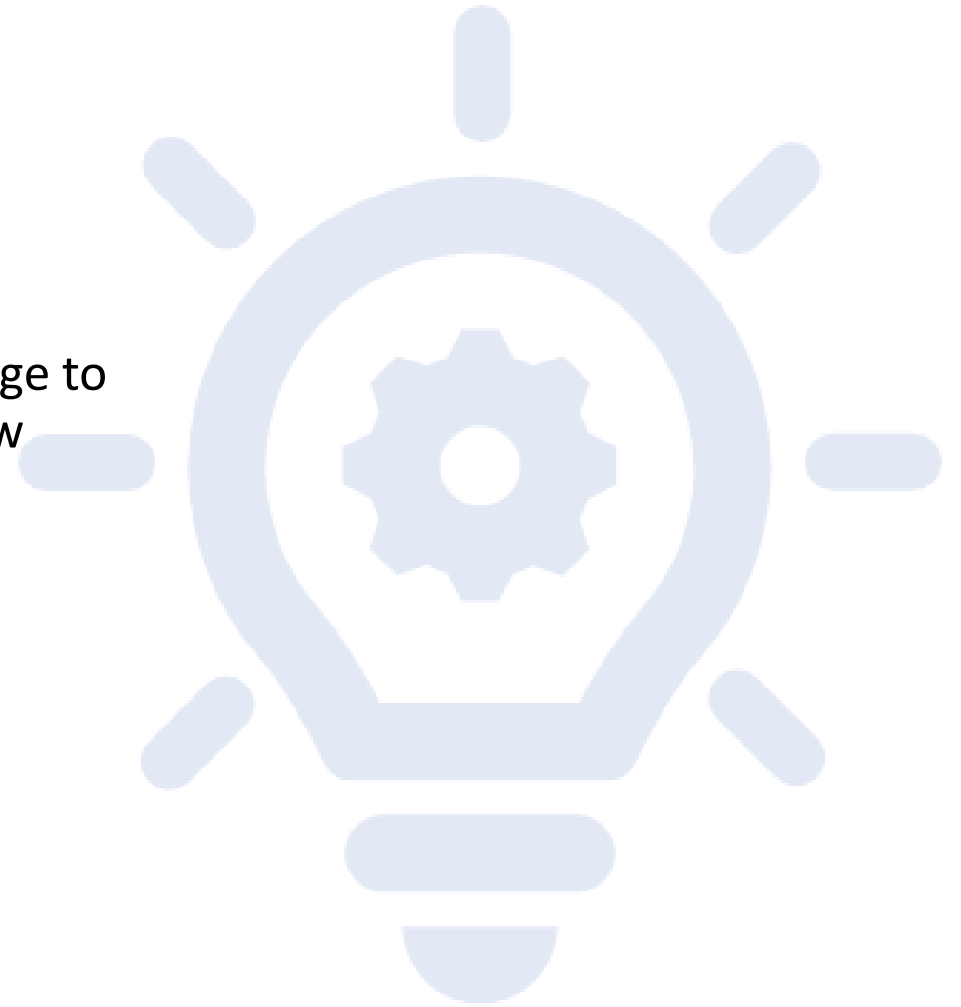
# Routine Experts (Efficiency)



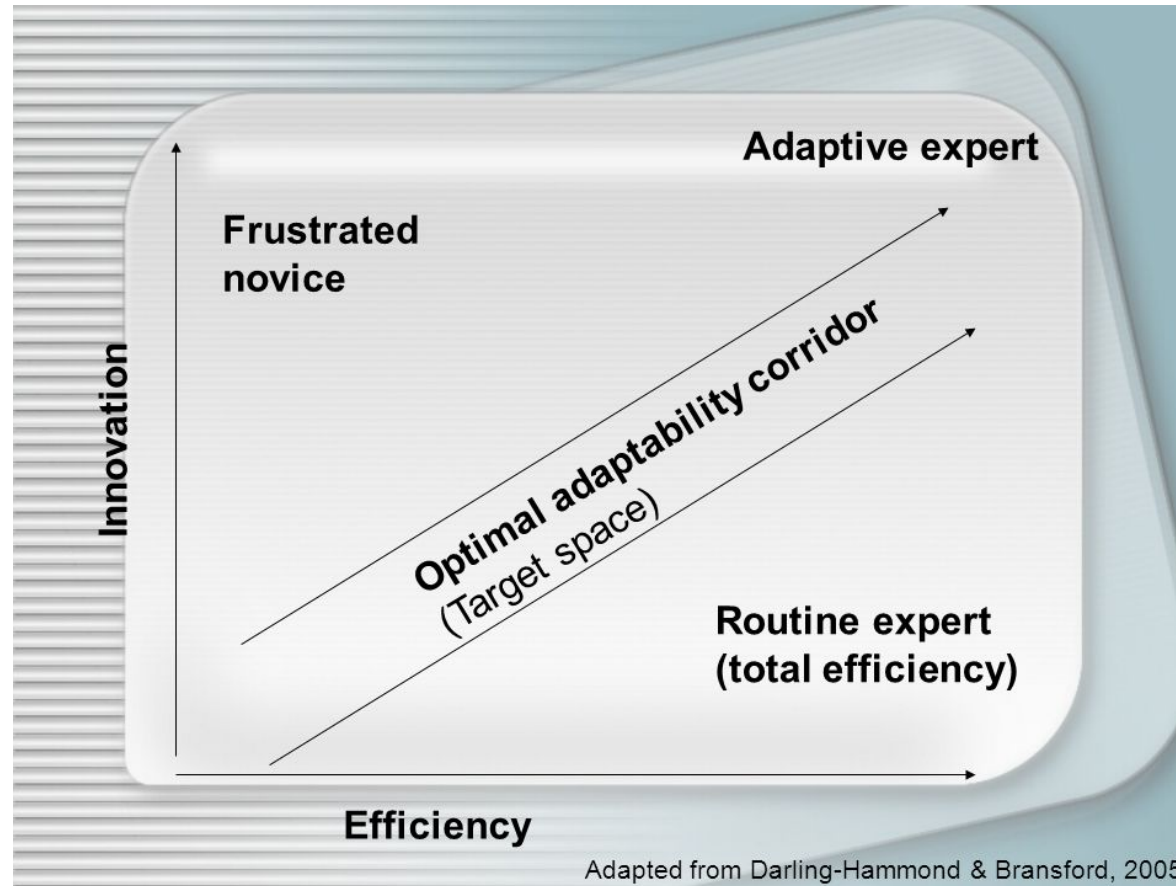
# Adaptive Experts (Innovators)



Experts with flexible and adaptable knowledge to develop novel solutions as well as define new problems.



# Innovation and Efficiency



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Schwartz et al. 2003., Page 55

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like a combination  
of Who Cares?  
&  
So What?



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# How People Learn: Brain, Mind, Experience, and School

Bransford, Brown, & Cocking  
National Research Council





# The HPL Framework

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Links research from Cognitive Science to educational practice

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K-12 focus, but applicable to all learning environments

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Learning for transfer, adaptive expertise, life-long **problem-identification** and problem-solving

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Available as a free PDF at  
<https://www.nap.edu/download/9853>

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4-Interdependent  
"Centerednesses"  
for effective  
learning  
environments

1

Learner

2

Knowledge

3

Assessment

4

Community

# Learner-Centered Environments

The teacher takes into account background Knowledge, skills, and beliefs of students

Acknowledgement that students are not blank slates



How do you create Learner-centered Instructional Environments?

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# Knowledge-Centered Environments

- Teachers are very deliberate in what content they choose to present.
  - Organize around Big Ideas
  - Backward Design (Manage medication administration through the nursing process, know where to find accurate information about medications, Pass the NCLEX® examination)
- Students need time to play with concepts, try them out, deliberate, think of alternatives, make connections

\*This CANNOT happen if the teacher's main concern is "covering the content"



<http://www.heartofcheer.com/cheerleaders/let-go-cheerleader-style/> Retrieved 10/20/2018

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# Assessment-Centered Environments

- Frequent formal and informal opportunities for feedback, constructive critique and reflection
- Serve to help students develop metacognitive skills
- Formative and Summative assessments that meet the course goals and are aligned with content (Knowledge-centered)



What formative  
Assessments do you  
use?

What summative  
assessments?

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How do you  
determine which to  
use and when?







# Community-Centered Environments

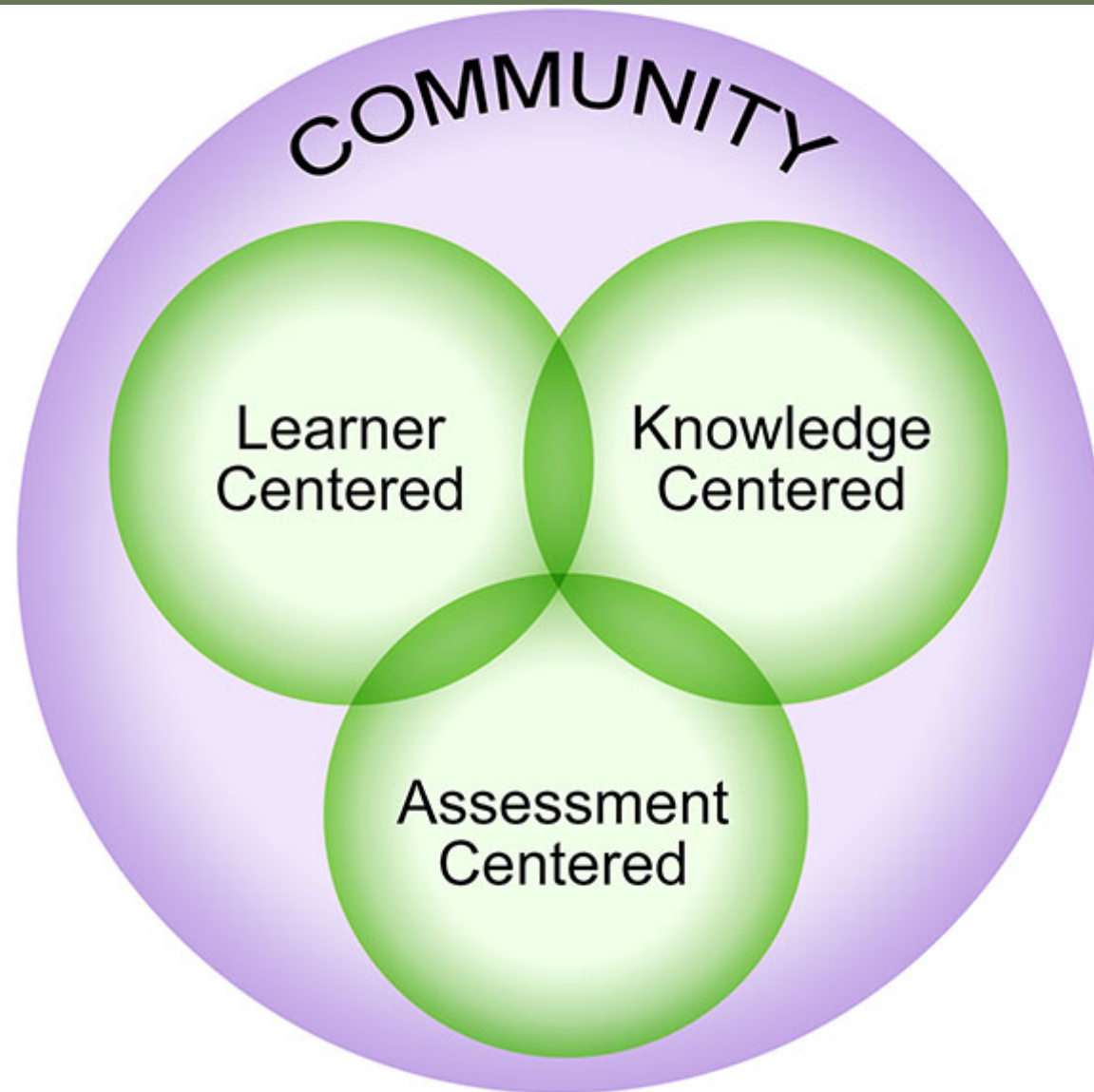
- Teachers provide a “safe” community for learning
  - Mistakes are good!
- Provide ways for students to learn from one another
  - Teamwork, cooperation
- Connect classroom learning to the larger community (profession, community of citizens, etc.)

Are there opportunities for students to make mistakes in your classes? How do you encourage and provide a “safe” environment?

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How do you connect what you are teaching to the larger community or profession?





[https://iris.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/\\_archive/iris-and-adult-learning-theory/](https://iris.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/_archive/iris-and-adult-learning-theory/)

# Putting it all together

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