# Components of Metacognition

# Knowledge about Cognition

# Declarative Knowledge: knowledge about one's skills, intellectual resources, and

- the factual knowledge the learner needs before being able to process or use critical thinking related to the topic
- students can obtain declarative knowledge through presentations, demonstrations, discussions

## Procedural Knowledge:

abilities as a learner

- knowledge about <u>how</u> to implement learning procedures (e.g., strategies)
- requires students know the process as well as when to apply process in various situations
- students can obtain procedural knowledge through discovery, cooperative learning, and problem solving

# Conditional Knowledge:

- knowledge about <u>when</u> and <u>why</u> to use learning procedures
- the determination under what circumstances specific processes or skills should <u>transfer</u>
- students can obtain conditional knowledge through simulation

# Regulation of Cognition

# Planning:

• planning, goal-setting, and allocating resources *prior* to learning

### Information Management:

 skills and strategy sequences used to process information more efficiently (e.g., organizing, elaborating, summarizing, selective focusing)

#### Monitoring:

assessment of one's learning or strategy use

#### Debugging:

strategies to correct comprehension and performance errors

#### **Evaluation:**

 analysis of performance and strategy effectiveness after a learning episode