Stages of learning

- Acquisition: in the process of acquiring the skill....direct instruction Aim is accuracy of response
- **Reversion**: in the process of acquiring the skill but responds erratically....reinforce correct responses and pinpoint error patterns Aim is accuracy of response
- **Proficiency**: responds correctly but with insufficient speed......practice Aim is faster rates of response
- Maintenance: learner retains accuracy and fluency....periodically evaluate and when necessary reinforce Aim is retention of the skill
- **Generalization**: transfers skill to new situations and settings.....provide direct instruction in alternate setting when fails to generalize... program for generalization Aim is expansion of the skill across situations, behaviors, and time
- Adaption: applies skill to entirely new situations...problem solving that draws upon previous learning Aim is extension of knowledge to new areas

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