

# Characteristics of Postgraduate Study

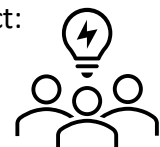
## Postgraduate study

- advanced coursework that builds on undergraduate foundational knowledge
- critical evaluation of concepts, theories, frameworks, practices, and research
- application of credible knowledge to chosen discipline
- creation of new knowledge through independent research



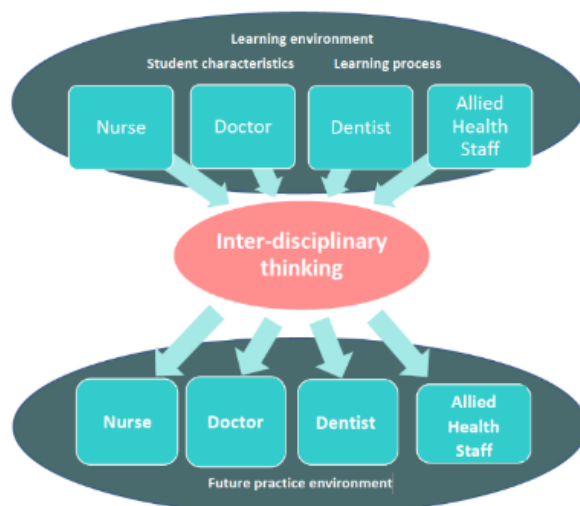
## Postgraduate students engage in:

- self-directed inquiry/assignment writing:
  - read extensively credible, peer-reviewed research
  - critically evaluate existing knowledge and research
- peer discussion:
  - critique perspectives, justifying the critique using credible sources
  - provide new data or information for consideration by others
- presentation and discussion of your learning and your research project:
  - give oral presentations (recorded or in person)
  - participate in class discussion
- reflection on learning and practice:
  - connect experiences, theories, frameworks, concepts, and research to improve future practice
- interdisciplinary learning:
  - draw on others' professional perspectives, skills, and knowledge to promote innovative thinking



**Figure 1**

*Interdisciplinary Learning as Applied to Students From the Health Sector*



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