

Attributes of Postgraduate Students

Postgraduate Programmes:

- extend and deepen knowledge and skills by building on the subject(s) of the undergraduate qualification and the student's professional experience
- prepare for and guide independent research and scholarship



A graduate of a Postgraduate qualification will be able to:

- show evidence of **advanced knowledge** about a specialist field of enquiry or professional practice
- demonstrate mastery of sophisticated **theoretical subject matter**
- **evaluate critically** the findings and discussions in the literature
- **research, analyse, and argue from evidence**
- work independently and **apply knowledge** to new situations
- engage in rigorous intellectual analysis, criticism, and **problem-solving**. (Eastern Institute of Technology, 2014, p. 6)

A graduate of a Master Degree by research of 90 credits at level 9 will be able to:

- demonstrate a high order of skill in the planning, execution and completion of a piece of **original research or creative scholarly work**
- **apply such skills** learned during the study programme to **new situations**. (Eastern Institute of Technology, 2014, p. 6)

Qualities of a Master Graduate

- **Academic excellence**



- extensive knowledge, understanding, and skills in a chosen discipline area
- participation in creating new knowledge through research and inquiry
- contextual understanding of past and present knowledge and ideas
- intellectual curiosity, questioning of accepted wisdom, openness to new ideas

- **Critical thinking and effective communication**



- independent, conceptual, and creative thinking
- problem identification, and collection, analysis, and dispassionate synthesis of evidence
- dialogue, informed argument, and reasoning

- **Learning and professional development**



- attitude of life-long learning through directed and self-directed study
- self-awareness of personal strengths and challenges, and capacity for self-reflection and personal development

- **Active citizenship (social responsibility)**



- appreciation of ethical and moral issues
- appreciation of social and cultural diversity
- understanding of civic responsibilities and rights of individuals and groups

Reference

Eastern Institute of Technology. (2021). *Graduate Profile – Guideline AG130-6*.

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