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Pharmacy (integrated) programme

Experiential learning

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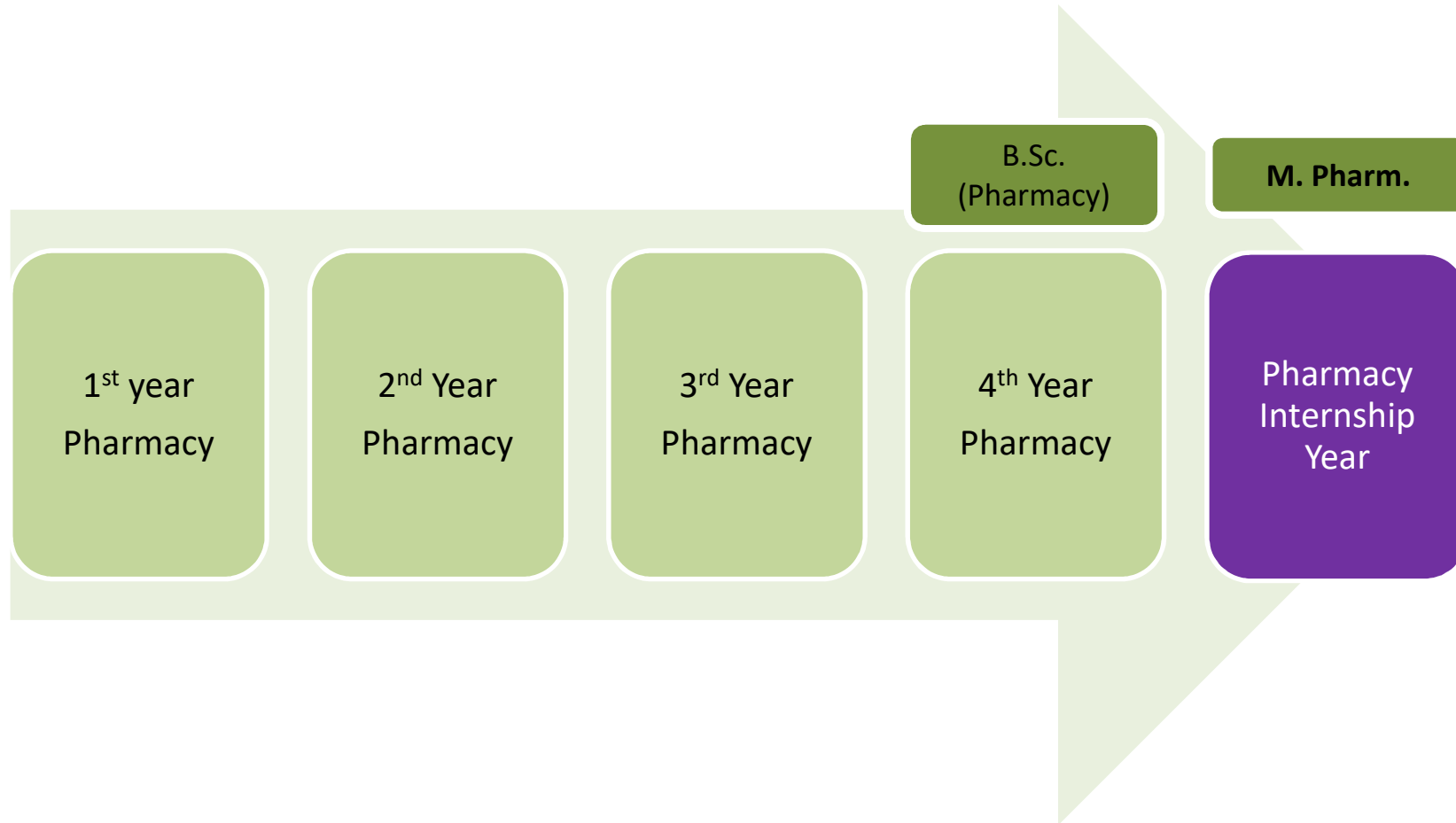
# Objectives



- Pharmacy five-year (integrated) programme
- Trinity Education Project
- Pedagogical approaches
- Experiential learning context



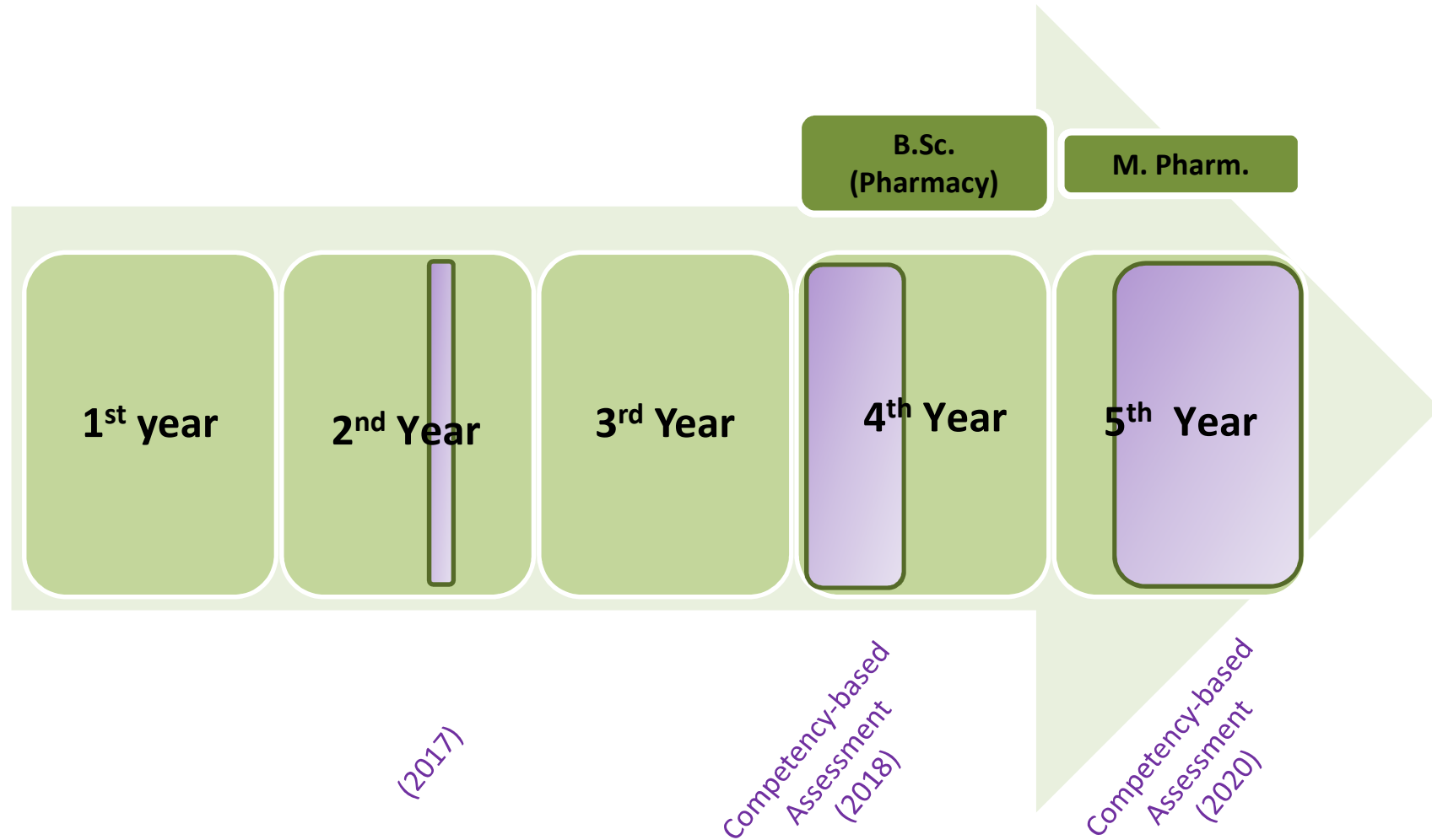
# Ireland – Pharmacy Education pre-2015



Interns must be directly supervised by a tutor pharmacist.  
Internship is primarily undertaken in community pharmacies.

# Pharmacy Education Now

## Experiential Learning Placements

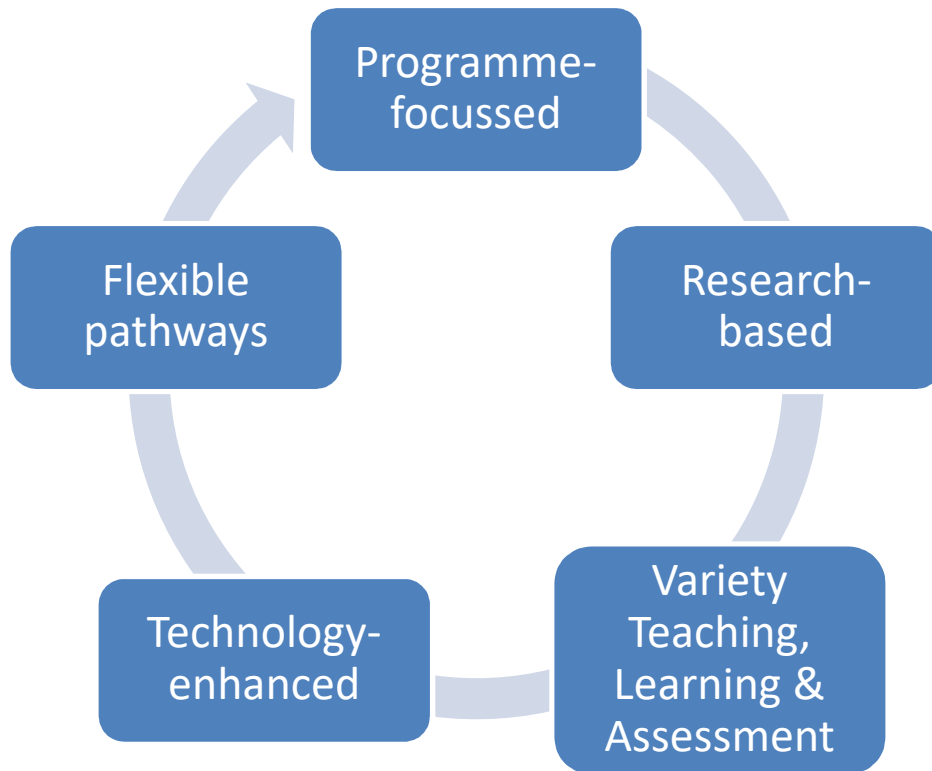


# Trinity Education Project

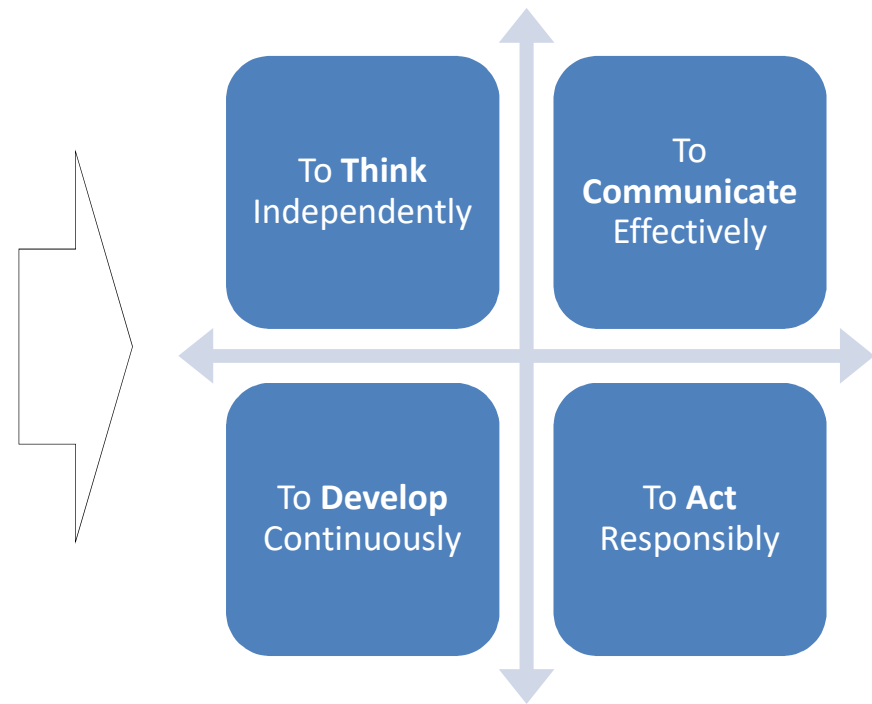
- University's Strategic Plan 2014–19
- Trinity Education Project (TEP)
  - University-wide project – renew the undergraduate curriculum
  - Curriculum principles
  - Graduate attributes
  - Learn outside core discipline
- New academic year structure – introduced in 2018/19 for all programmes

# Trinity Education Project

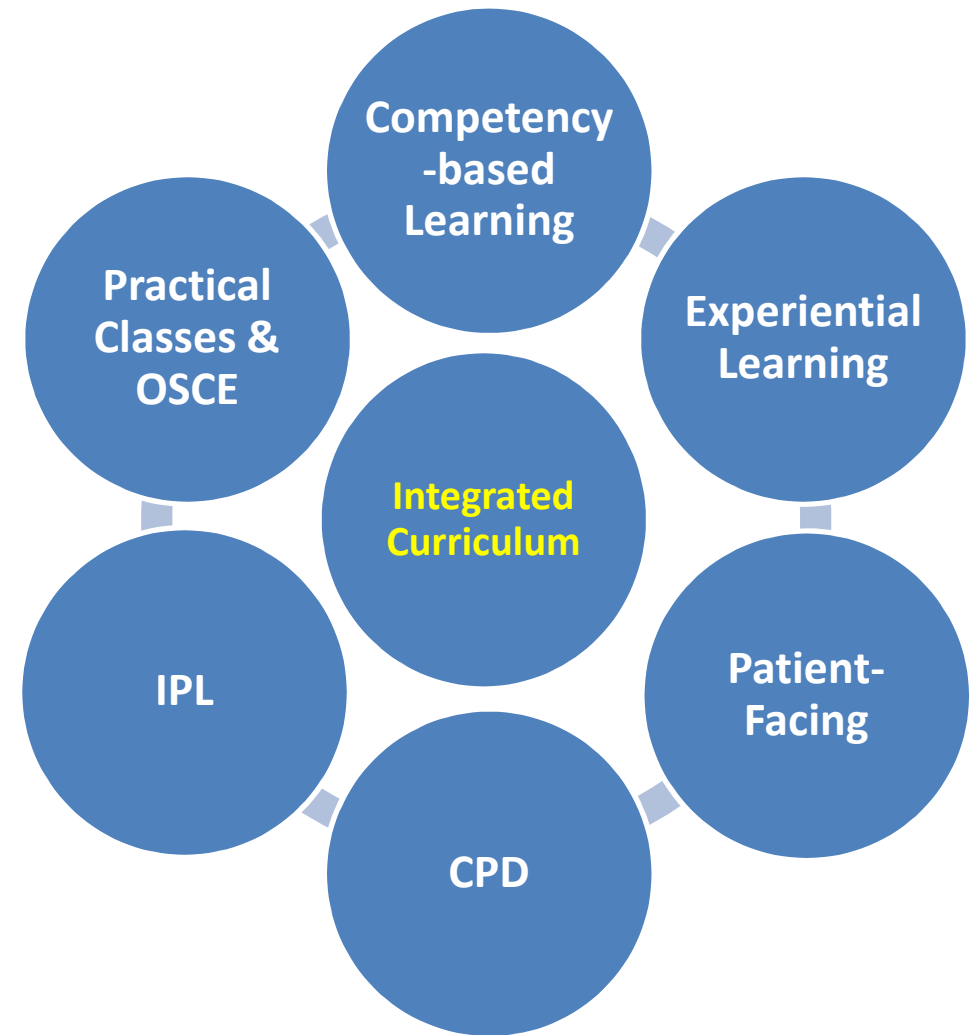
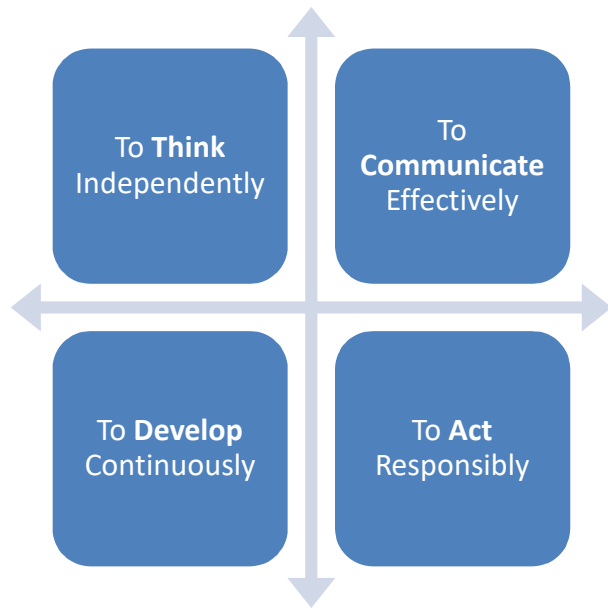
## CURRICULUM PRINCIPLES



## GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES



# Pharmacy and the Graduate Attributes



- TEP – Integrated curriculum
  - Knowledge, skills and competencies
- Variety of pedagogies

# Integrated Curriculum

## Background to the Five-year (Integrated) programme:

- Legislative basis – *Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland (Education and Training) (Integrated Course) Rules 2014 (S.I. 377)*
- Pharmacy regulator (PSI) accredits University's pharmacy programme
  - Integrated programme
- 2015 – change and opportunity

## Current and future work:

- ✓ Contextualised learning through dispersal of experiential placements
- ✓ Strong scientific and clinical foundation
- ✓ Developed integrated sessions through collaboration (e.g. pain module Y1)
- Greater influence of Pharmacy Practice within modules



# Experiential Learning



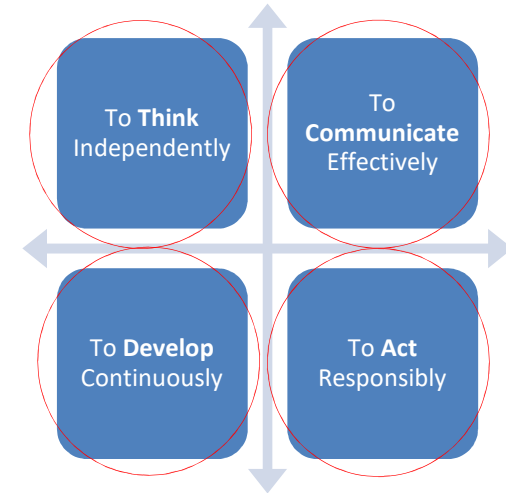
APPEL – Affiliation Pharmacy Practice Experiential Learning

- ✓ Matching students to appropriate placements
- ✓ Quality assuring
- ✓ Assessing

‘Flexible pathways’ (curriculum principles)

- Hospital – increase in placement numbers
- Industry – early student awareness of diversity (Year 4)
- Community – maintaining engagement with independents

# Experiential Learning



- All four graduate attributes
- Highest level of integration – (trans-disciplinary step 11) (Harden 2000)

*‘High fidelity situations in the real world of clinical care’*

Feedback from experiential supervisors to help student development:

**“Ask the students to become familiar with all the sections of the BNF. Where to find the information. Dosing, side effects, etc.”**

**“Could improve proficiency of using reference sources”**

**“Review actions performed the day before and prepare list of questions”**

**“Practice commutation skills (WWHAM)”**

**“Ask students to work on their own initiative if possible during busy periods”**

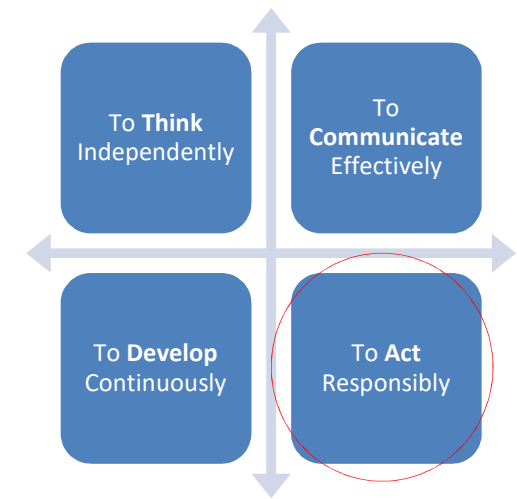
# Competency-based learning

## Pharmacy (Integrated) programme:

- Underpinned by Core Competency Framework (CCF)
- CCF enables integrative process
- Graduate attributes
- ✓ Profession-focussed leading to professional practice
- ✓ Competencies – designed into the experiential learning activities

## Future work:

- Experiential placement modules Year 4 and Year 5
- Co-developed across 3 Schools of pharmacy (UCC, RCSI and TCD)
- Year 4 – 3 competencies assessed
- Year 5 – all 6 competencies assessed



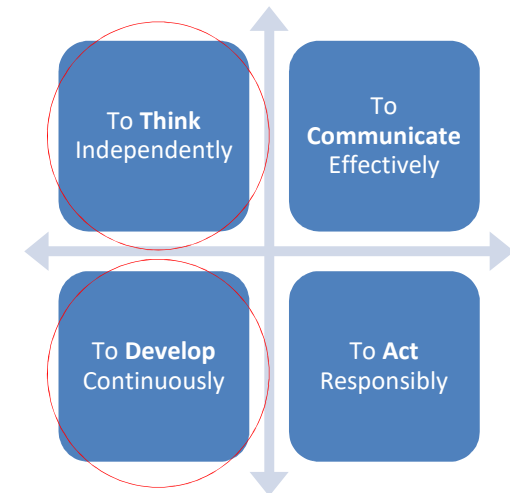
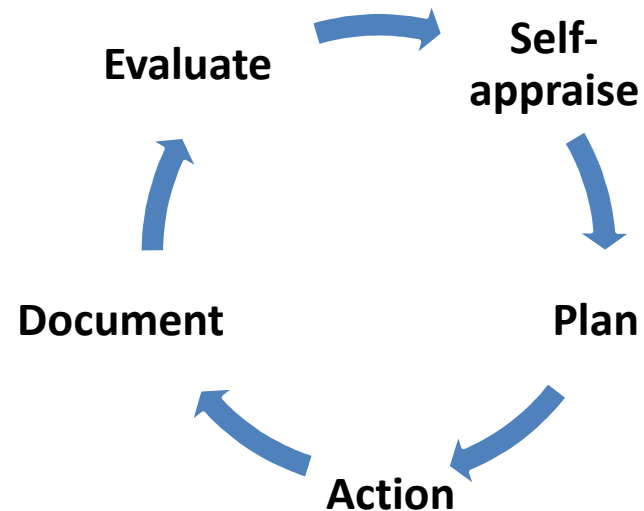
# Competency Framework

PSI Core Competency Framework for Pharmacists, 2013

Domain	Competency	Behaviours
<b>Professional practice</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practises 'patient-centred' care</li> <li>Practises professionally</li> <li>Practises legally</li> <li>Practises ethically</li> <li>Engages in appropriate continuing professional development</li> </ul>	e.g. acts as patient advocate
<b>Personal skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leadership skills</li> <li>Decision-making skills</li> <li>Team working skills</li> <li>Communication skills</li> </ul>	e.g. collaborates with other HCPs
<b>Supply of medicines</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manufactures and compounds medicines</li> <li>Manages the medicines supply chain</li> <li>Reviews and dispenses medicines accurately</li> </ul>	e.g. applies pharmaceutical knowledge
<b>Safe and rational use of medicines</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patient consultation skills</li> <li>Patient counselling skills</li> <li>Reviews and manages patient medicines</li> <li>Identifies and manages medication safety issues</li> <li>Provides medicines information and education</li> </ul>	e.g. reports pharmacovigilance issues and dispensing errors
<b>Public health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Population health</li> <li>Health promotion</li> <li>Research skills</li> </ul>	e.g. identifies opportunities to engage in health promotion
<b>Organisation and management skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Self-management skills</li> <li>Workplace management skills</li> <li>Human resources management skills</li> <li>Financial management skills</li> <li>Quality assurance</li> </ul>	e.g. contributes to audit activities

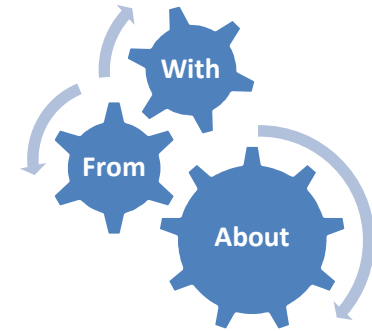
# Continuous Professional Development

- CPD – life-long learning and reflective practice (IIOIP)



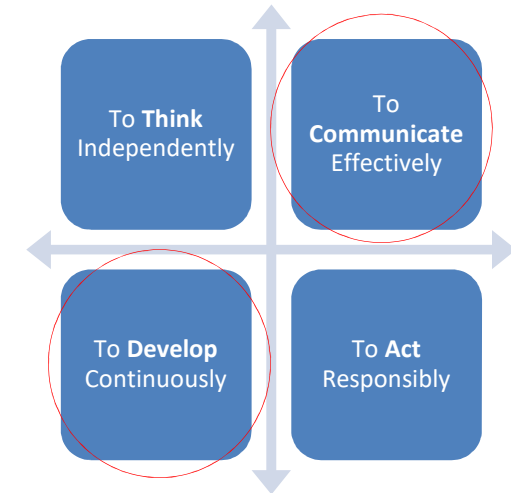
- Fostering of reflective practice (T&L strategy)
  - ✓ CPD cycles from Year 1 onwards
  - ✓ e-portfolio from Year 1 onwards
  - ✓ Contributes to students' experiential learning activities and assessment

# Interprofessional Learning



## Aims:

- Improve understanding of healthcare professions
- Reduce professional prejudices (Lakhani 2008)
- Improve collaboration towards patients' needs
- Graduate attributes



## Current and future work:

- ✓ Planned IPL workshop between Pharmacy and Dental Science  
Year 2 Pharmacy/Year 3 Dentistry (120 students)
- ✓ Pain module with medicine and physiotherapy
- Future – IPL activity within practice placements



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