



# Introducing McMaster University's Problem-Based Learning Graduate Program in SLP

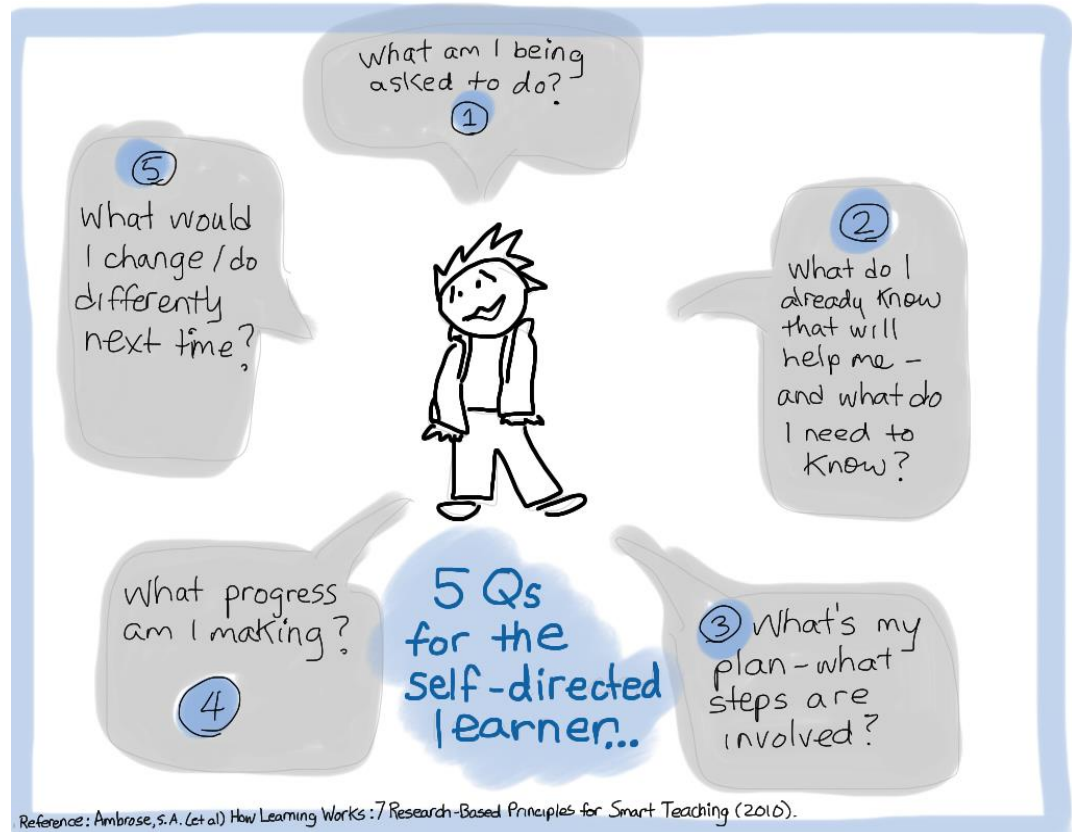
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## Who is the “ideal” future SLP?

- Communicates effectively and respectfully with clients, families, other providers, community organizations, and colleagues
- Has “deep” knowledge of the discipline and understands the impact of contextual factors on clinical practice
- Can think critically and problem-solve creatively
- Is a reflective practitioner
- Advocates for the role of SLP and for the needs of clients and families/caregivers
- Is flexible and adaptable in a changing health/education context
- Engages in evidence-informed practice
- Learns to grow as a leader in consultation, collaboration, education, and clinical practice
- Approaches clinical practice and their role with the spirit of curiosity and inquiry; is a life-long learner

## PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY:

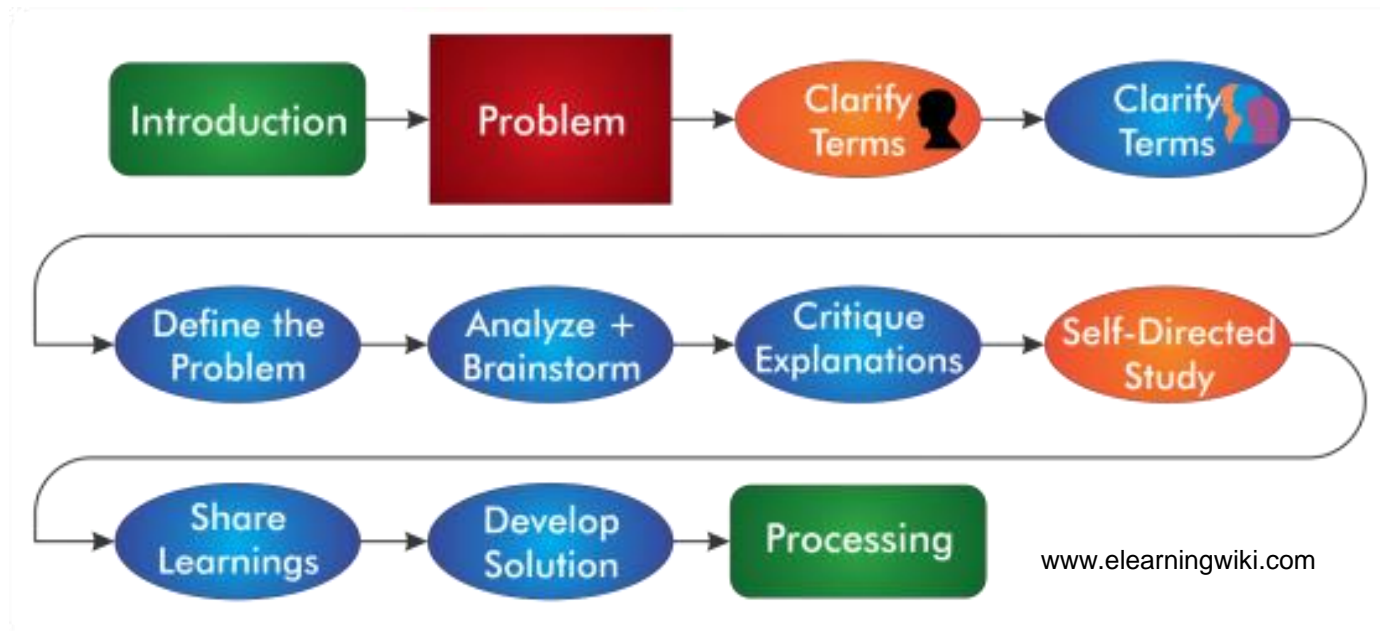
# Self-Directed Learning



# PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY: Small-Group Learning



## PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY: Problem-Based Learning



## Curriculum Overview

YEAR 1												
SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	
O - W e e k	Academic - Unit 1 Core Principles, Knowledge & Skills 12 weeks		Clinical Placement 2 weeks	Break 2 weeks	Academic - Unit 2 Roles & Practice Settings Across the Lifespan 12 weeks			Clinical Placement 5 weeks	Break 2 weeks	Academic - Unit 3 Children, Youth & Young Adults 12 weeks		Break 4 weeks
YEAR 2												
SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	
Clinical Placement 6 weeks		Academic - Unit 4 Adults & Older Adults 10 weeks		Break 2 weeks	Clinical Placement 6 weeks	Academic - Unit 5 Complex Practice & Professional Transition 12 weeks			Break 2 weeks	Clinical Placement 10 weeks		Finished

Within each academic unit, with a themed, iterative approach:

Foundational Knowledge / EBP – 2 x 1.5 hours per week

Inquiry Seminar – 1 x 3 hours per week

Problem-Based Tutorials – 2 x 2.5 hours per week

Clinical Skills Labs – 2 x 3 hours per week

# Opportunities for Community SLPs to Get Involved

- Become a Clinical Instructor (supervisor) for student placements
  - Terrific resources to assist if you're new to supervising or would like a refresher
  - Lots of perks to be offered as a thank you 😊
- Participate in our Multiple Mini Interview for admissions
- Become a tutor or sessional instructor
- Provide input – we want to hear from you!