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# WHAT IS AN INTEGRATED CURRICULUM?

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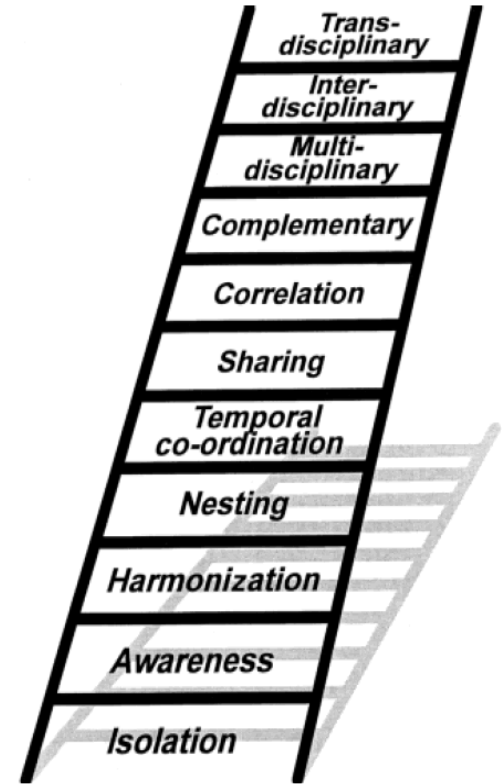
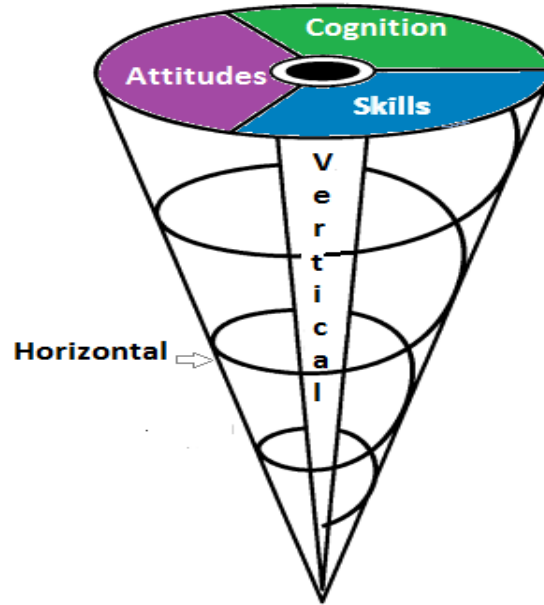
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# Pharmacy Education in Ireland

- PEARS Mixed methods research survey of stakeholders to inform new curriculum
- Recommendation based on research and international practice in health professions education
  - Contextualise learning
  - Develop competencies

The Current 4+ 1 Model of Pharmacy Education to First Registration should be Replaced by a Five-Year Fully Integrated Programme

# What is Integration?



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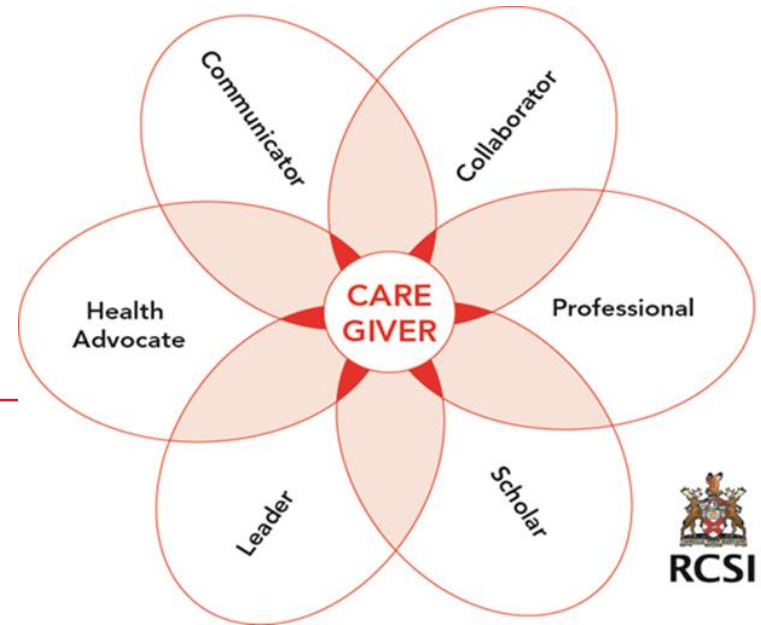
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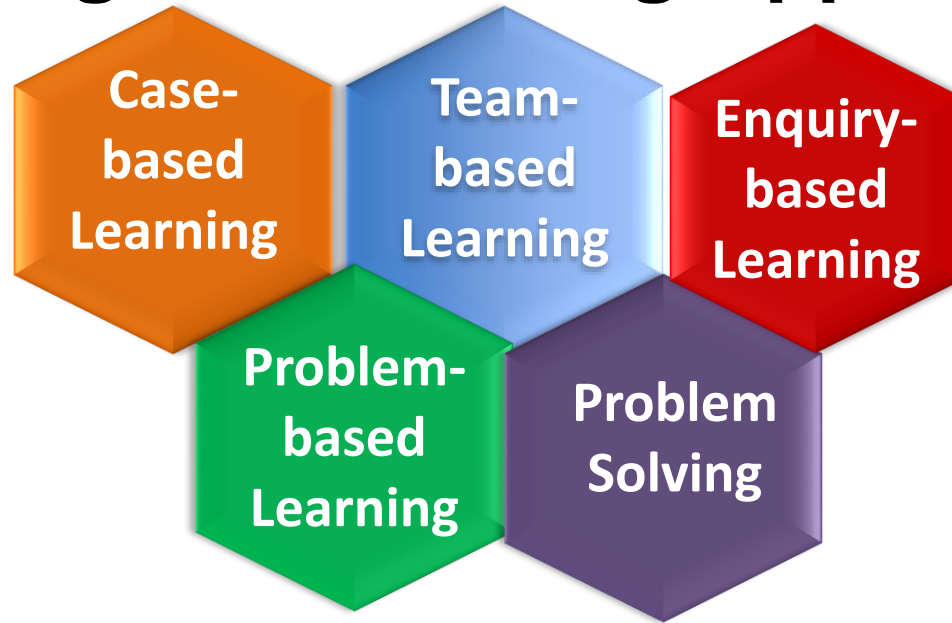
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# Methods of Integration

- Process- Experiential Learning
- Curriculum Design - Systems-Based
  - Stages of Life
  - Societal
- Cross-Cutting Theme



# Teaching and Learning Approaches



# Research Question

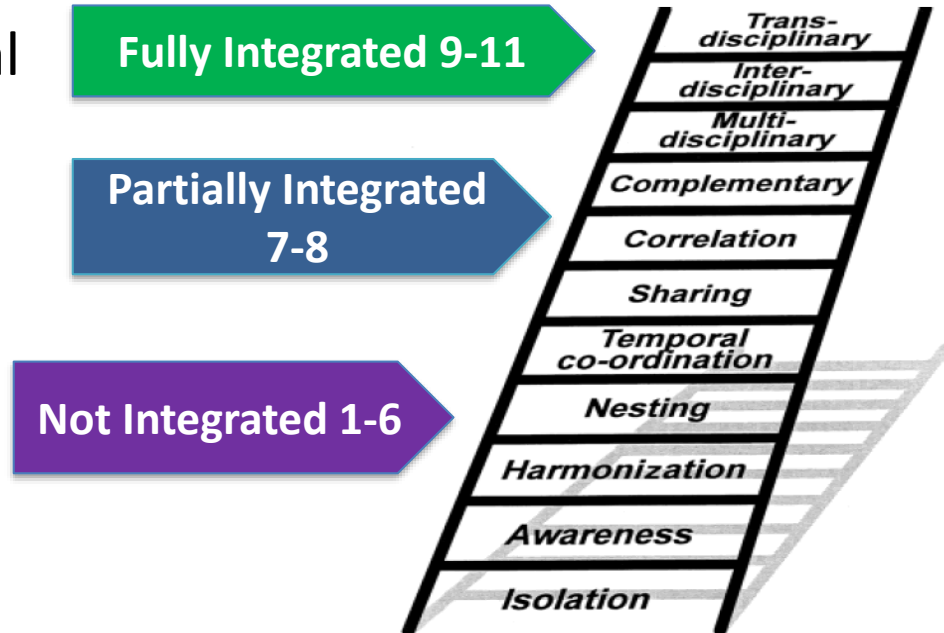
- What is meant by integrated in the context of curriculum design in pharmacy education?

# Methodology

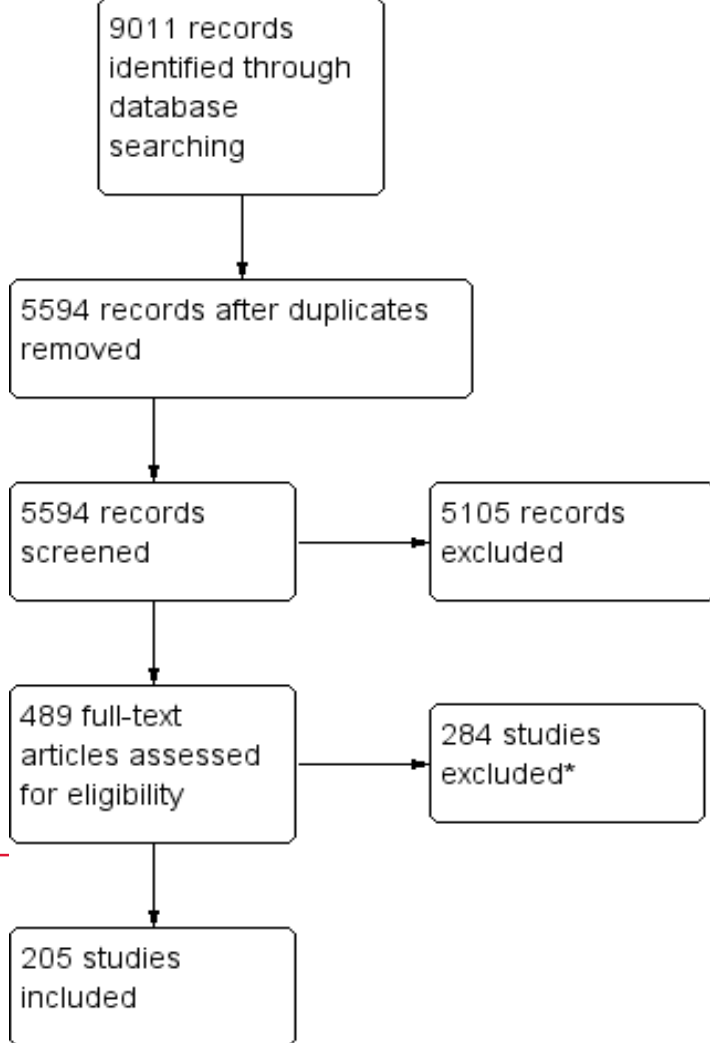
- Scoping Review
- Keyword Searches
- Screened independently
- 20% independently coded
- Data Synthesis
  - Classification by type and method of integration
  - Classification by teaching and learning methods
  - Classification by level of integration

# Level of Integration

- General Pharmaceutical Council Integration Standards







# PRISMA

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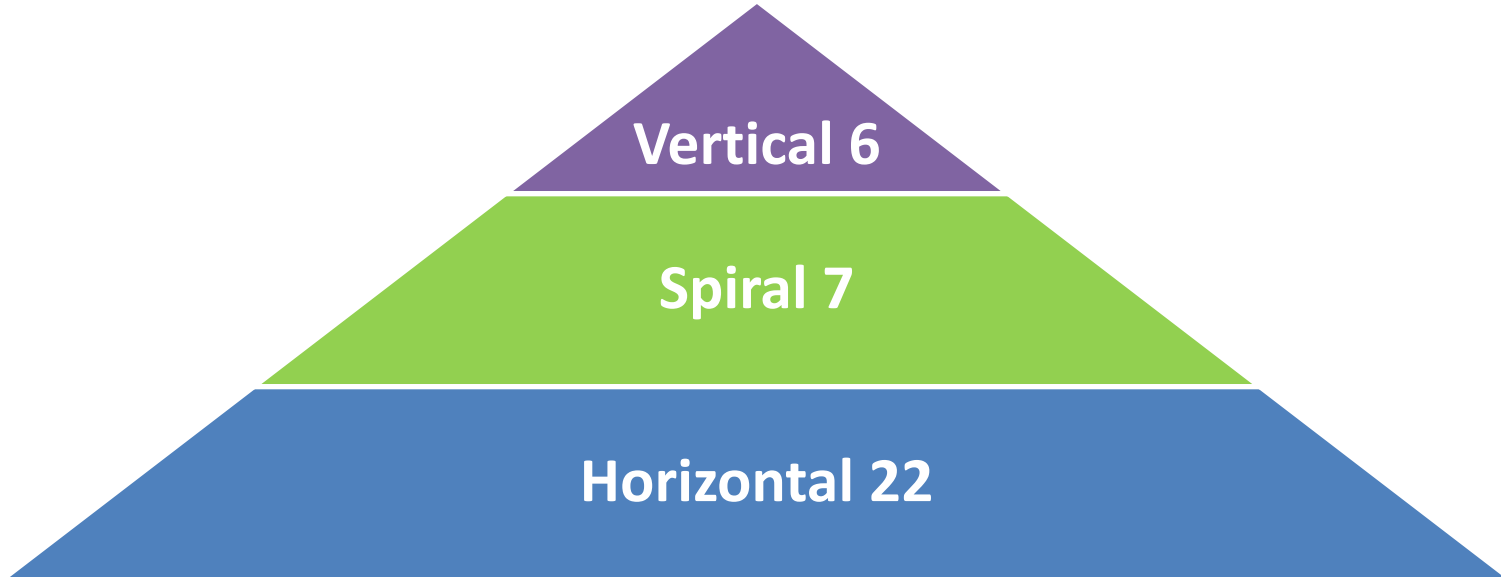
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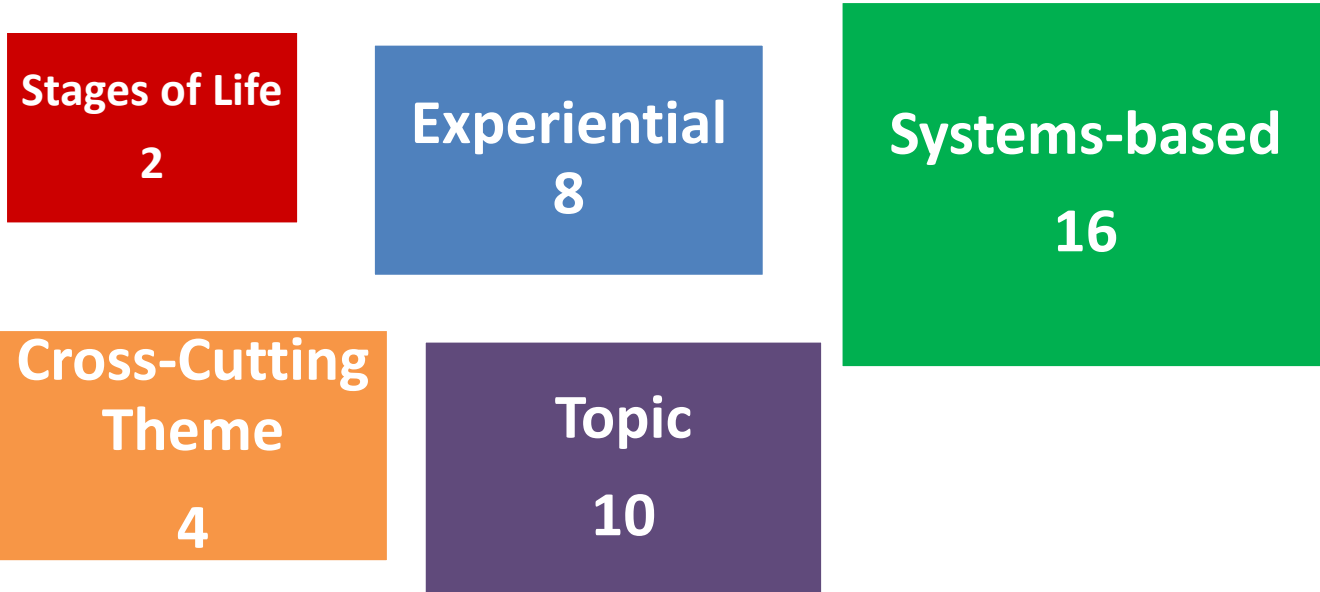
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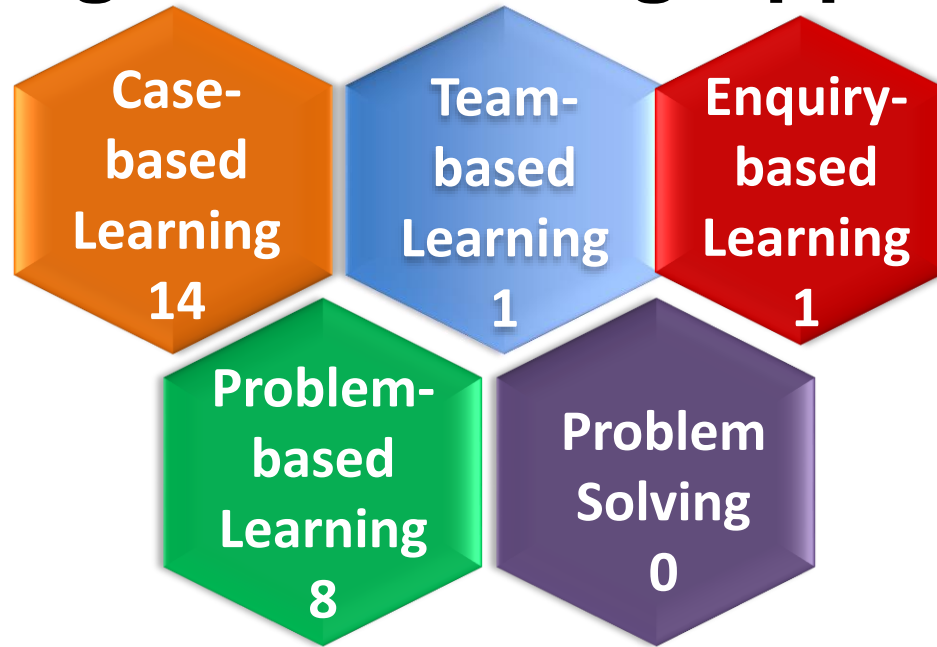
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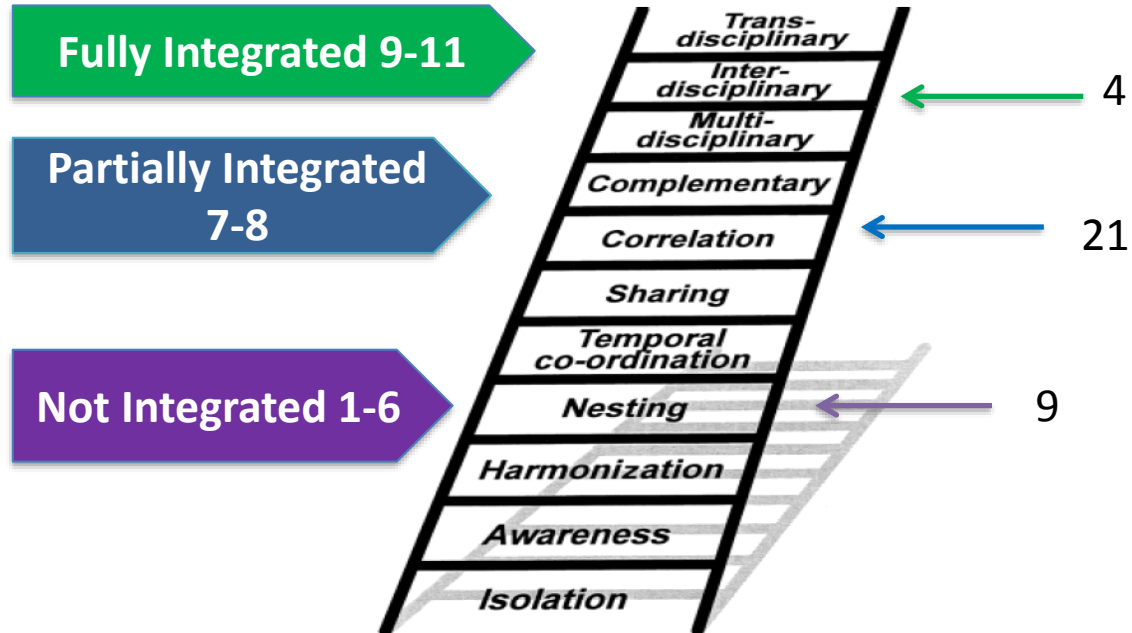
# Process of Integration/Curriculum Design



# Teaching and Learning Approaches



# Level of Integration



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