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Nurturing & Assessing PROFESSIONALISM

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DISCUSS

PROFESSIONALISM EDUCATION

Discuss professionalism education for nurturing a strong and credible professional identity

EXAMINE

PROFESSIONALISM ASSESSMENT

Examine authentic assessment approaches to assess professionalism

EXPLORE

ACTIONABLE STRATEGIES

Explore actionable strategies for cultivating authentic professionalism education and assessment

Nelson Mandela

once said:

“Education is the
most powerful
weapon which you
can use to change
the world.”





Teachers have been identified as the key role players, the catalysts and the motivators to bring about the visionary educational outcomes.

(Malaysia Education Blueprint 2013-2025)



“Medical education consists of training aimed at **ensuring physicians acquire the competencies, skills and aptitudes that allow them to practice professionally and ethically at the highest level.**”

“All physicians, the profession, medical faculties, educational institutions, and governments **share the responsibility for guaranteeing that medical education meets a high-quality standard throughout the medical education continuum.**”



Competency Framework

CanMeds (Canada)

- Medical expert
- Communicator
- Collaborator
- Manager
- Health advocate
- Scholar
- **Professional**

ACGME (US)

- Medical knowledge
- Patient care
- Practice-based learning and improvement
- Interpersonal and communication skills
- **Professionalism**
- Systems-based practice

GMC (UK)

- Good clinical care
- Relationships with patients and families
- Working with colleagues
- Managing the workplace
- Social responsibility and accountability
- **Professionalism**

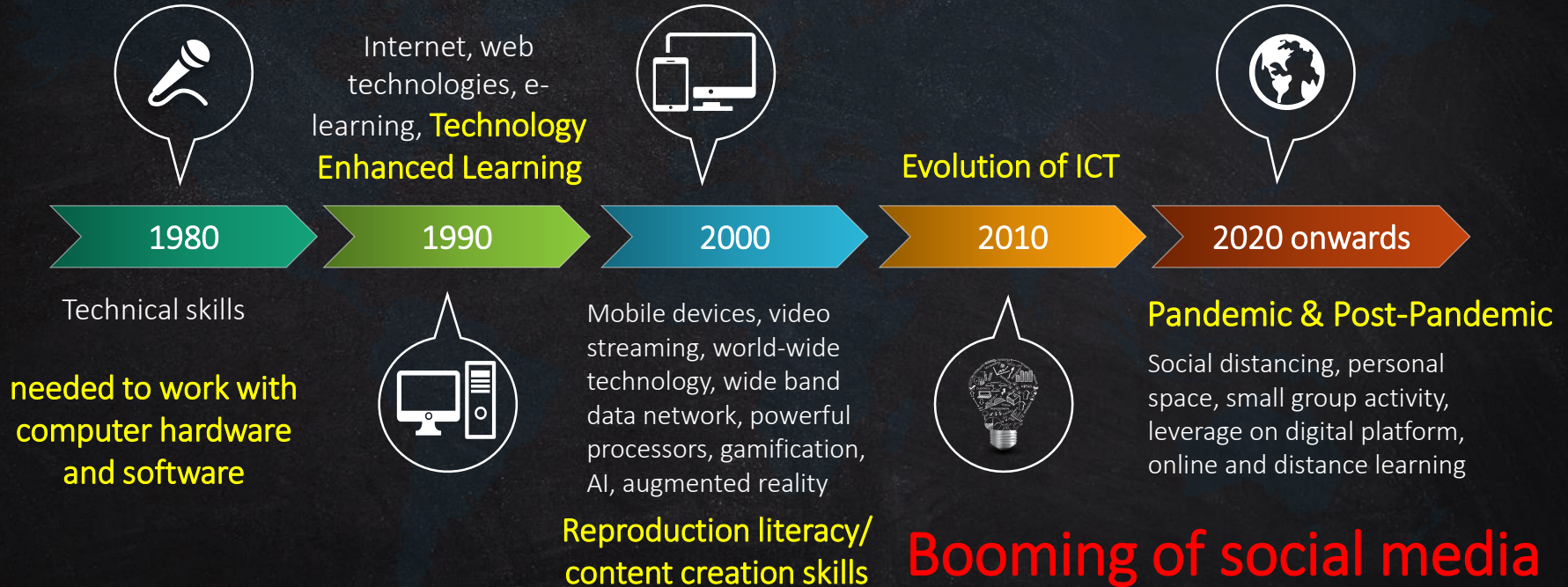
SEA-CALOHEA (ASEAN)

- Health & Wellbeing
- Integrated Medical Knowledge
- Clinical Practice
- Ethics & Humanities
- Quality Practice
- **Professional Behaviors**

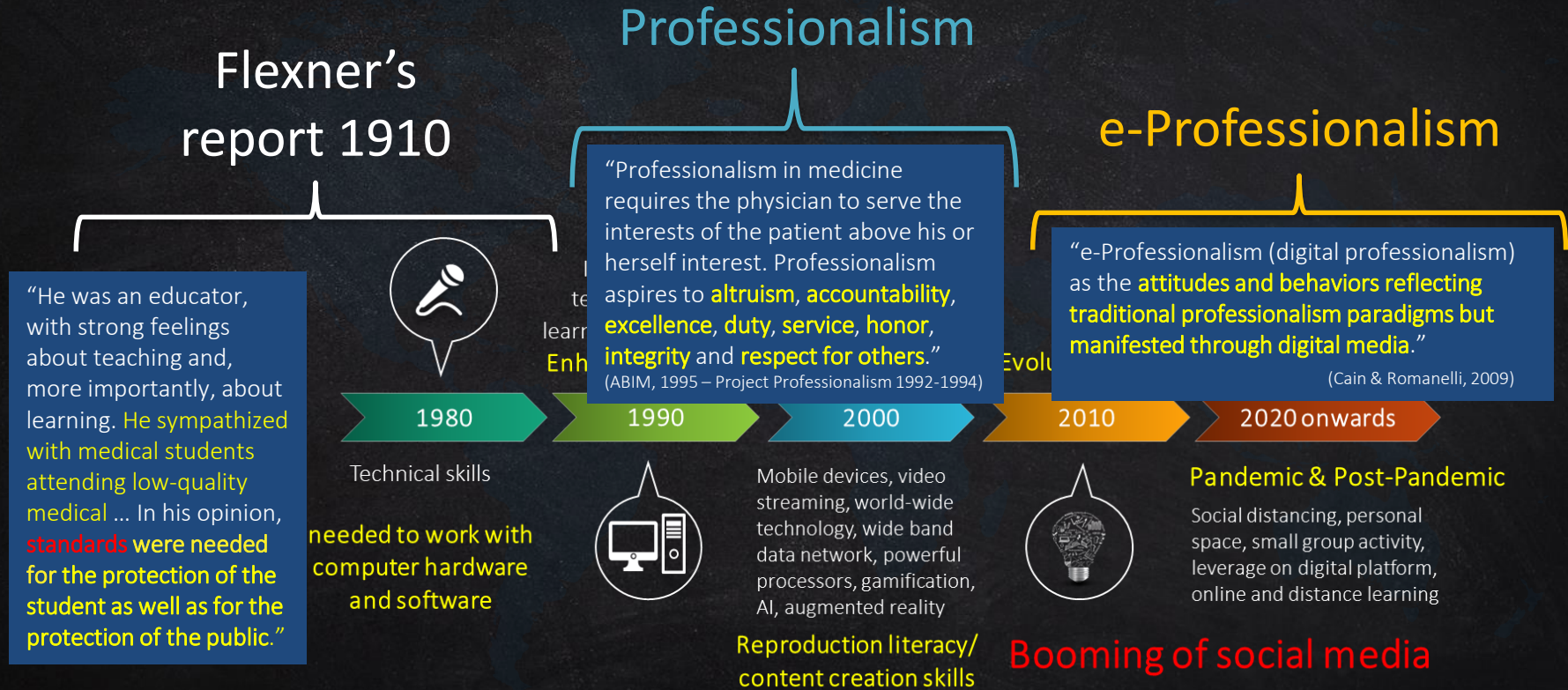
MQF 2.0 (Malaysia)

- Knowledge and understanding
- Cognitive skills
- Functional work skills
- Personal and entrepreneurial skills
- Ethics and **Professionalism**

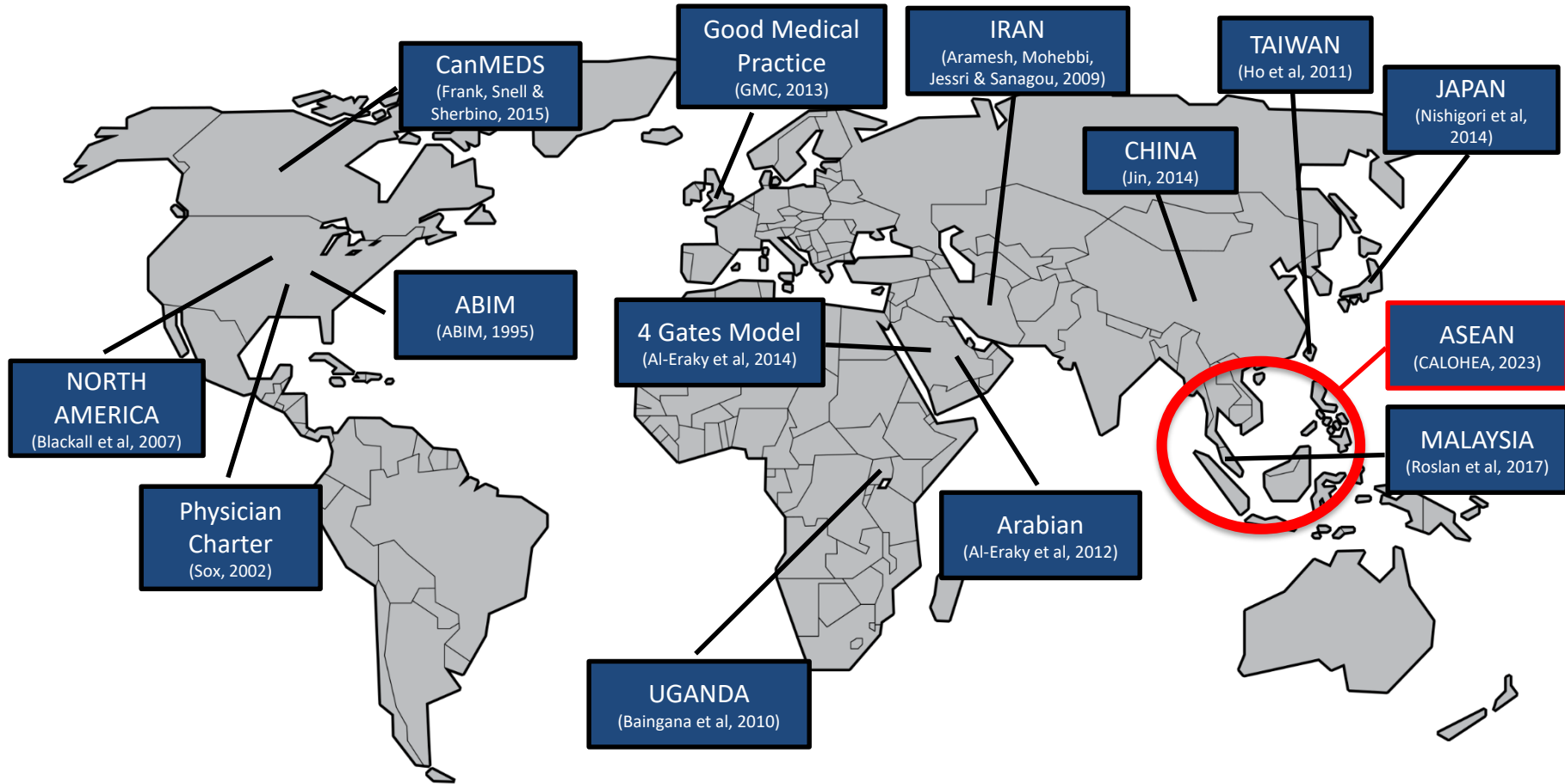
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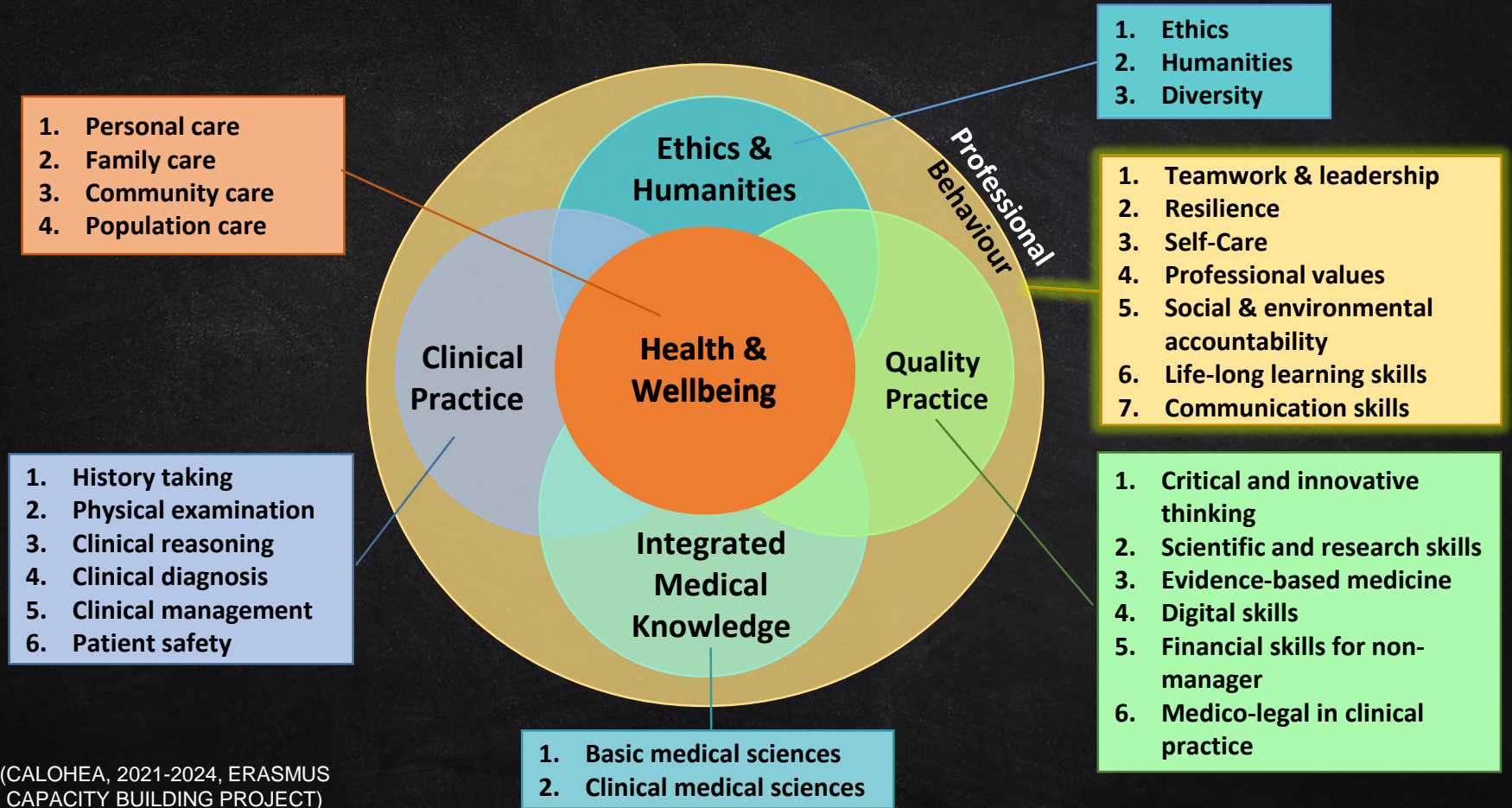
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Medical Professionalism Models



SEA-CALOHEA MEDICAL COMPETENCY FRAMEWORK



DOMAIN (SUBDOMAIN)	Knowledge that a medical graduate needs to acquire for them to perform the expected skills	Skills that a medical graduate must attain to perform the expected responsibilities	Ultimate expectation of a medical graduate as an individual and as a professional
	KNOWLEDGE	SKILLS	RESPONSIBILITY
HEALTH & WELLBEING (Personal, Family, Community & Population Care)	Demonstrate the understanding of health & wellbeing for a medical graduate to perform expected responsibilities as a junior doctor	Apply the health & wellbeing knowledge with appropriate skills, when performing expected responsibilities as a junior doctor	Perform expected responsibilities as a junior doctor with holistic care of health & wellbeing
PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOUR (Teamwork & Leadership, Resilience, Self-care, Professional values, Social & environmental accountability, Life-long learning skills, Communication skills)	Demonstrate the understanding of professional behaviors for a medical graduate to perform expected responsibilities as a junior doctor	Demonstrate appropriate professional behaviors with appropriate skills when performing expected responsibilities as a junior doctor	Perform expected responsibilities as a junior doctor with the highest standard of professional behaviors
INTERGRATED MEDICAL KNOWLEGDE (Basic & Clinical Medical Sciences)	Demonstrate the understanding of basic & clinical medical sciences for a medical graduate to perform expected responsibilities as a junior doctor	Apply the medical knowledge with appropriate skills, when performing expected responsibilities as a junior doctor	Perform expected responsibilities as a junior doctor with sound basic & clinical medical sciences.
CLINICAL PRACTICE (History Taking, Clinical Reasoning, Clinical Diagnosis, Clinical Management, Patient Safety)	Demonstrate the understanding of clinical practices for a medical graduate to perform expected responsibilities as a junior doctor	Demonstrate appropriate clinical skills, when performing expected responsibilities as a junior doctor	Perform expected responsibilities as a junior doctor with the highest standard of clinical practices
QUALITY PRACTICE (Critical & innovative thinking, Scientific & research skills, Evidence-based medicine, Digital skills, Financial skills for non-manager, Medico-legal in clinical practice)	Demonstrate the understanding of quality practices for a medical graduate to perform expected responsibilities as a junior doctor	Demonstrate the quality practice with appropriate skills, when performing expected responsibilities as a junior doctor	Perform expected responsibilities as a junior doctor with the best quality practices
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2. RESILIENCE			
3. SELF-CARE			
4. PROFESSIONAL VALUES			
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6. LIFE-LONG LEARNING SKILLS			
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1. TEAMWORK & LEADERSHIP	Demonstrate the understanding of the principles of effective leadership and teamwork in healthcare	Demonstrate effective leadership and collaboration within healthcare teams	Take initiative in coordinating patient care, supporting team members, and contributing to a positive team environment.
2. RESILIENCE	Demonstrate the understanding of the impact of stressors on personal well-being and professional performance	Demonstrate effective coping mechanisms and strategies for maintaining personal resilience.	Seek support when needed, learn from setbacks, and promote a culture of well-being
3. SELF-CARE	Demonstrate the understanding of the importance of self-care for maintaining personal and professional well-being.	Demonstrate effective self-care practices to prevent distress and burnout	Advocate for a healthy work-life balance and engage in activities that promote well-being
4. PROFESSIONAL VALUES	Demonstrate the understanding of core professional values, ethical principles, and guidelines	Demonstrate adherence to professional values in clinical practice	Uphold professional values in decision-making, interactions, and relationships
5. SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY	Demonstrate the understanding of the social determinants of health and the environmental impact of healthcare.	Demonstrate ability to contribute to social and environmental responsibility	Advocate for healthcare policies that address societal needs and minimize environmental impact
6. LIFE-LONG LEARNING SKILLS	Demonstrate the understanding of the importance of continuous learning and staying current in medical knowledge	Demonstrate the ability to access and critically appraise new medical information	Engage in ongoing professional development, seek feedback, and adapt to evolving healthcare practices
7. COMMUNICATION SKILLS	Demonstrate the understanding of the principles of effective communication in healthcare	Demonstrate clear and empathetic communication with patients, families, and colleagues	Actively listen, convey information clearly, and adapt communication to diverse audiences

The Usage of Social Media

Healthcare
Consumers

43.3%

Medical
Students

94.0%

Medical
Residents

79.0%

Practicing
Physicians

42.0%

(Guraya et al., 2021; Surani et al., 2017; Vikas & Amy, 2017)

RESEARCH ARTICLE

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Preserving professional identities, behaviors, and values in digital professionalism using social networking sites; a systematic review

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Abstract

Background: Despite a rapid rise of use of social media in medical disciplines, uncertainty prevails among healthcare professionals for providing medical content on social media. There are also growing concerns about unprofessional behaviors and blurring of professional identities that are undermining digital professionalism. This review tapped the literature to determine the impact of social media on medical professionalism and how can professional identities and values be maintained in digital era.

Methods: We searched the databases of PubMed, ProQuest, ScienceDirect, Web of Science, and EBSCO host using (professionalism AND (professionalism OR (professional identity) OR (professional behaviors) OR (professional values) OR (professional ethics))) AND ((social media) AND ((social media) OR (social networking sites) OR Twitter OR Facebook)) AND (health professionals). The research questions were based on sample (health professionals), phenomenon of interest (digital professionalism), design, evaluation and research type. We screened initial yield of titles using pre-determined inclusion and exclusion criteria and selected a group of articles for qualitative analysis. We used the Biblioshiny* software package for the generation of popular concepts as clustered keywords.

Results: Our search yielded 44 articles with four leading themes; marked rise in the use of social media by healthcare professionals and students, negative impact of social media on digital professionalism, blurring of medical professional values, behaviors, and identity in the digital era, and limited evidence for teaching and assessing digital professionalism. A high occurrence of violation of patient privacy, professional integrity and cyberbullying were identified. Our search revealed a paucity of existing guidelines and policies for digital professionalism that can safeguard healthcare professionals, students and patients.

- I. A rapid rise in the usage of social media by healthcare professionals and students.
- II. The impact of social media on medical professionalism, there is a reciprocal increase in the prevalence of unprofessional behaviors in the digital era.
- III. Blurring of professional values, behaviors, and identity in the digital era.

Impact of social media

Positive

Professional
Growth &
Education



Patient-
Centered Care
& Engagement



Professional
Values &
Behaviors



Professio
nalism

Negative

Integrity
challenges



Blurring
boundaries



Behavioral &
Psychological
Consequences





Review article

Digital professionalism on social media: A narrative review of the medical, nursing, and allied health education literature



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ABSTRACT

Background: Medical, nursing, and allied health students, and professionals are using online environments such as social media to communicate and share information. However, some have difficulty differentiating between their professional and personal roles and can behave inappropriately online. Better education and training may help prevent these issues from arising.
Objective: Identify and synthesize literature on educating healthcare students and practitioners about digital professionalism on social media.
Method: Four databases i.e., CINAHL, ERIC, MEDLINE and PubMed were searched using relevant terms. Five hundred and twenty-two articles were found and screened. Data extraction and critical appraisal were conducted. Analysis followed Braun and Clarke's six phases of thematic analysis.
Results: Eleven studies were included in the review. Digital professionalism was taught across medicine, nursing, and allied health education using a number of pedagogical approaches including traditional face-to-face teaching, as well as fully online, and blended methods. Its impact on learning centred on acquiring knowledge about communicating appropriately on social media which appeared to change how some students and practitioners behaved online, while improving confidence and information literacy. Developing and delivering education on digital professionalism tended to be affected by the amount of time faculty and trainers had to create curricula, organise and deliver teaching, and support students and clinicians. The design of the online platform seemed to be important as some had more functionality than others, allowing for greater interaction, which appeared to keep learners engaged.
Discussion and conclusion: This review provides the first synthesis of literature on educating the medical, nursing, and allied health professions on digital professionalism on social media. The results identify potential issues, knowledge gaps, and highlight implications for future educational interventions. Recommendations include setting clear boundaries and pedagogical instructions, understanding and applying privacy settings online, and utilizing co-creation approaches with students and practitioners to improve the quality of health education.

- I. Learning about digital professionalism on social media seemed to affect healthcare learners and practitioners in acquiring knowledge and refining behaviour and skills.
- II. The type of educational intervention used to teach digital professionalism on social media varied.
- III. Learning outcomes of digital professionalism on social media were assessed in several cases.

Medical Education e-Professionalism (MEeP) framework; from conception to development

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ABSTRACT

Background: Medical professionalism education intends to produce virtuous and humanistic healthcare professionals who demonstrate perseverance and professional integrity. However, today's medicine has embodied a mammoth transformation of medical practice towards sns and the digital realm. Such paradigm shift has challenged the medical professional's values, behaviors, and identities, and the distinct boundaries between personal and professional lives are blurred. This study aims to develop a framework for healthcare professionals coping with the challenges of medical professionalism in the digital realm.

Methods: We followed a systematic approach for the development of a framework about e-professionalism. Qualitative data was collected from a systematic review and a delphi study, while quantitative data was collected by administering a validated questionnaire social networking sites for medical education (snsme). Subsequently, categorization of the selected data and identifying concepts, deconstruction and further categorizing concepts (philosophical triangulation), integration of concepts (theoretical triangulation), and synthesis and resynthesis of concepts were performed.

Results: The initial process yielded six overlapping concepts from personal, professional, character (implicit) and characteristic (explicit) domains: environment, behavior, competence, virtues, identity, and mission. Further integration of data was done for the development of the medical education e-professionalism (meep) framework with a central concept of a commitment to mission. The mission showed deep connections with values (conformity, beneficence, universalism, and integrity), behaviours (communication, self-awareness, tolerance, power), and identity (reflection, conscientiousness, self-directed, self-actualization). The data demonstrated that all medical professionals require updated expertise in sns participation.

Conclusion: The meep framework recognises a mission-based social contract by the medical community. This mission is largely driven by professional values, behaviors and identity. Adherence to digital standards, accountability, empathy, sensitivity, and commitment to society are essential elements of the meep framework.

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Validating the Medical Education e-Professionalism Framework Using the Content Validity Index

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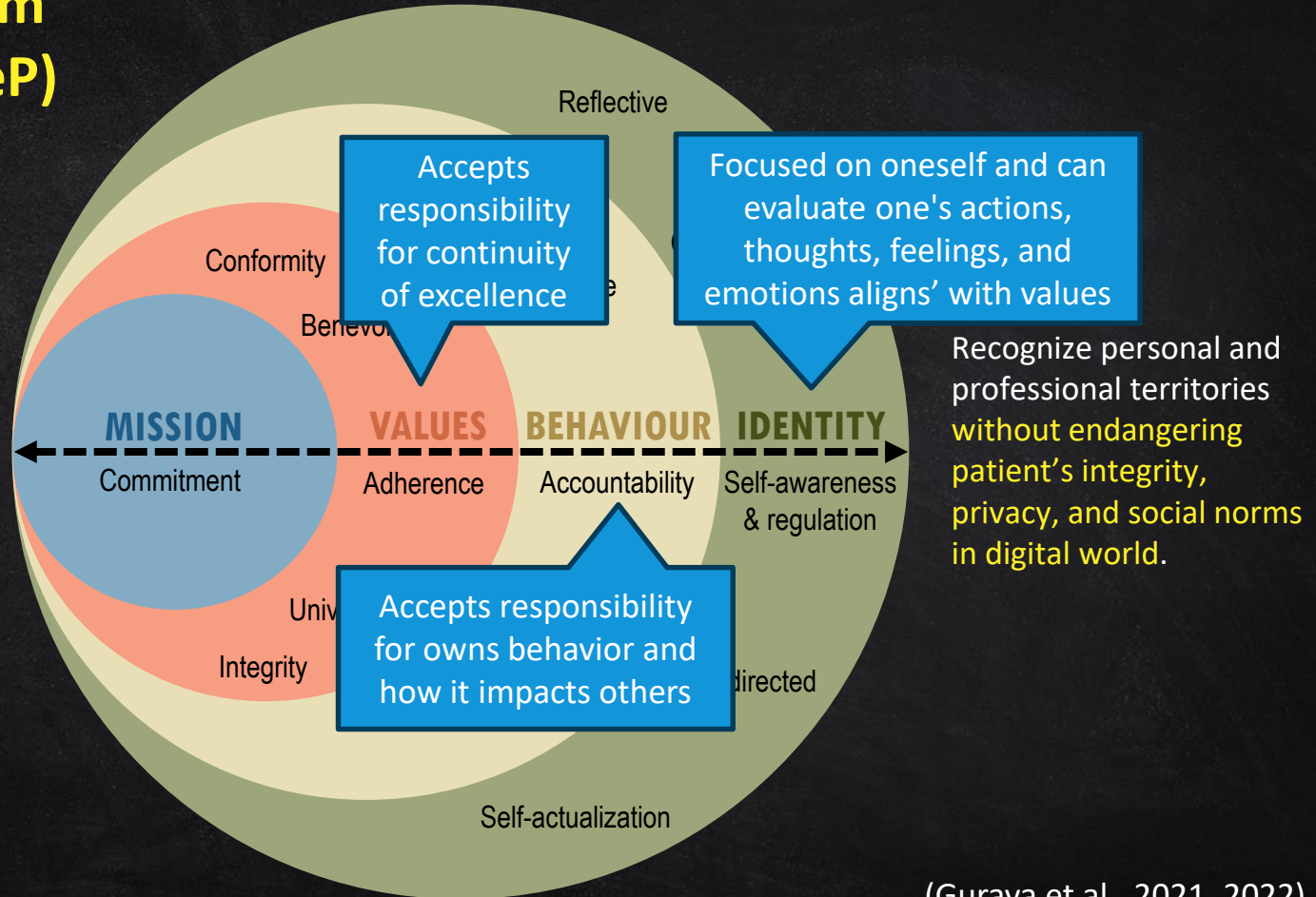
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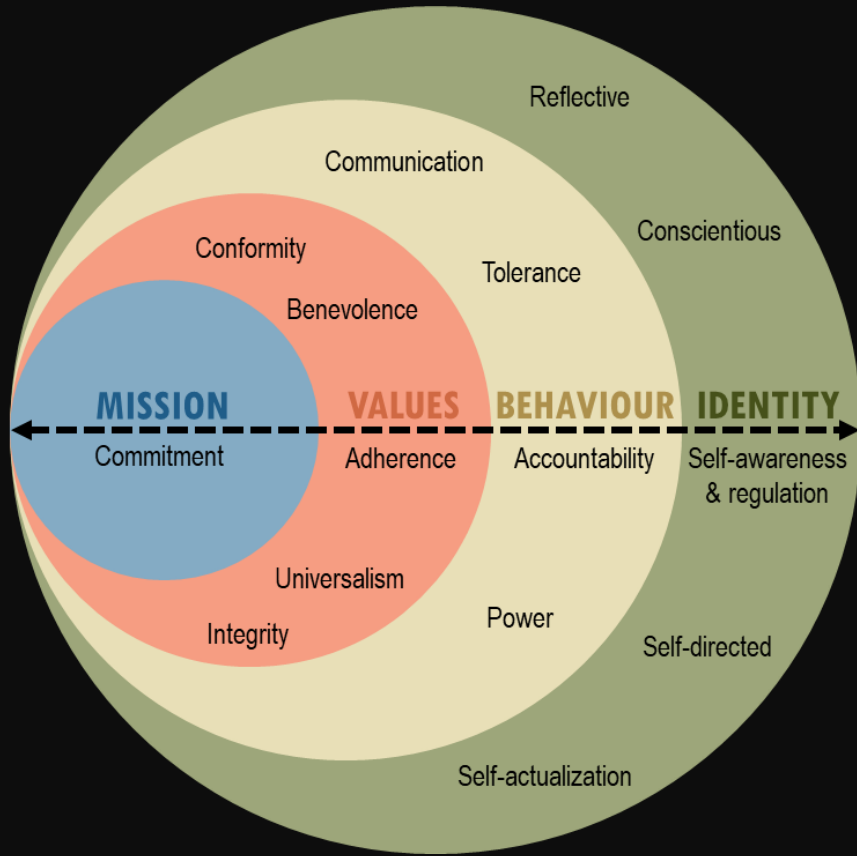
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Medical Education e-Professionalism (MEeP) framework provides theoretical insights and serves as a conceptual framework to guide in the design of e-professionalism education.

e-Professionalism paradigms (MEeP)

MISSION:
 a commitment by the medical profession to society through a social contract to deliver healthcare services with appropriate professional values, behaviors and identity.

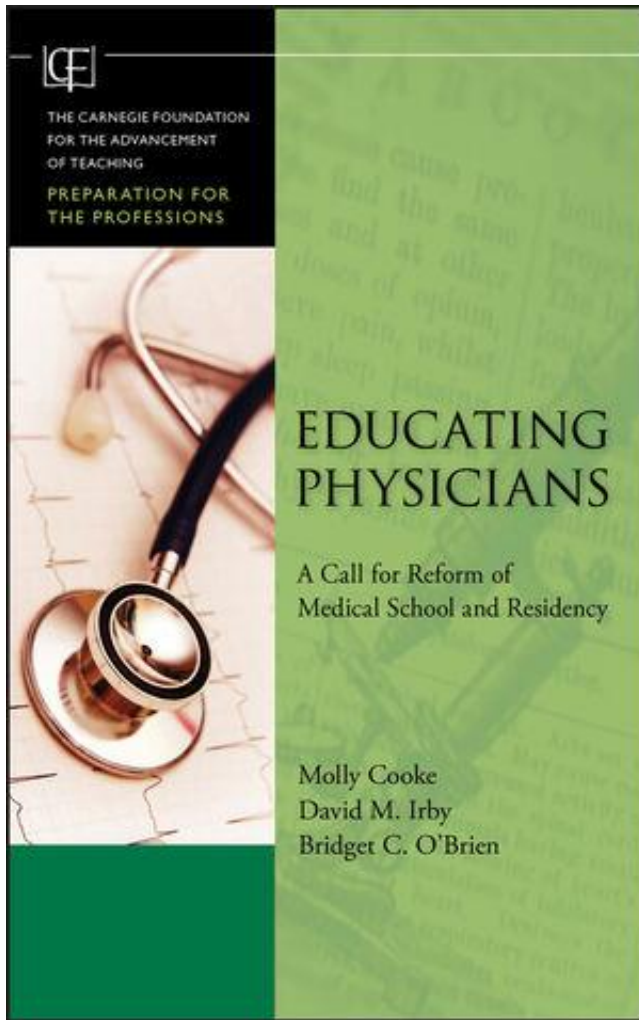




e-Professionalism (MEeP)

In short, e-professionalism is the collective result of how a healthcare professional's mission, professional values, professional behaviors, and professional identity manifest in the digital world. It is a strategic alignment of these elements that ensures their online presence is not only informative and engaging but also ethical and trustworthy. This, in turn, fosters a positive and influential digital footprint that benefits both the professional and the wider healthcare community.

(Yusoff, 2023)



The Carnegie Foundation report on the future of medical education brought the issue to the forefront. Its authors stated that **“professional identity formation - the development of professional values, actions, and aspiration - should be the backbone of medical education.”**

Cooke M, Irby DM, O'Brien C. Educating Physicians: A Call for Reform of Medical School and Residency. San Francisco, Calif: Jossey-Bass; 2010.

Richard L. Cruess, MD, Sylvia R. Cruess, MD, and Yvonne Steinert, PhD. Amending Miller's Pyramid to Include Professional Identity Formation. Academic Medicine, Vol. 91, No. 2, 2016

Nurturing professionalism in medical schools. training curricula between 1990–2019

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“Nurturing professionalism must be focused upon design of effective tools that consider professional identity formation, concepts of personhood, the evolving context sensitive longitudinal nature of the process and the impact upon the learning environment.” (pg. 645)

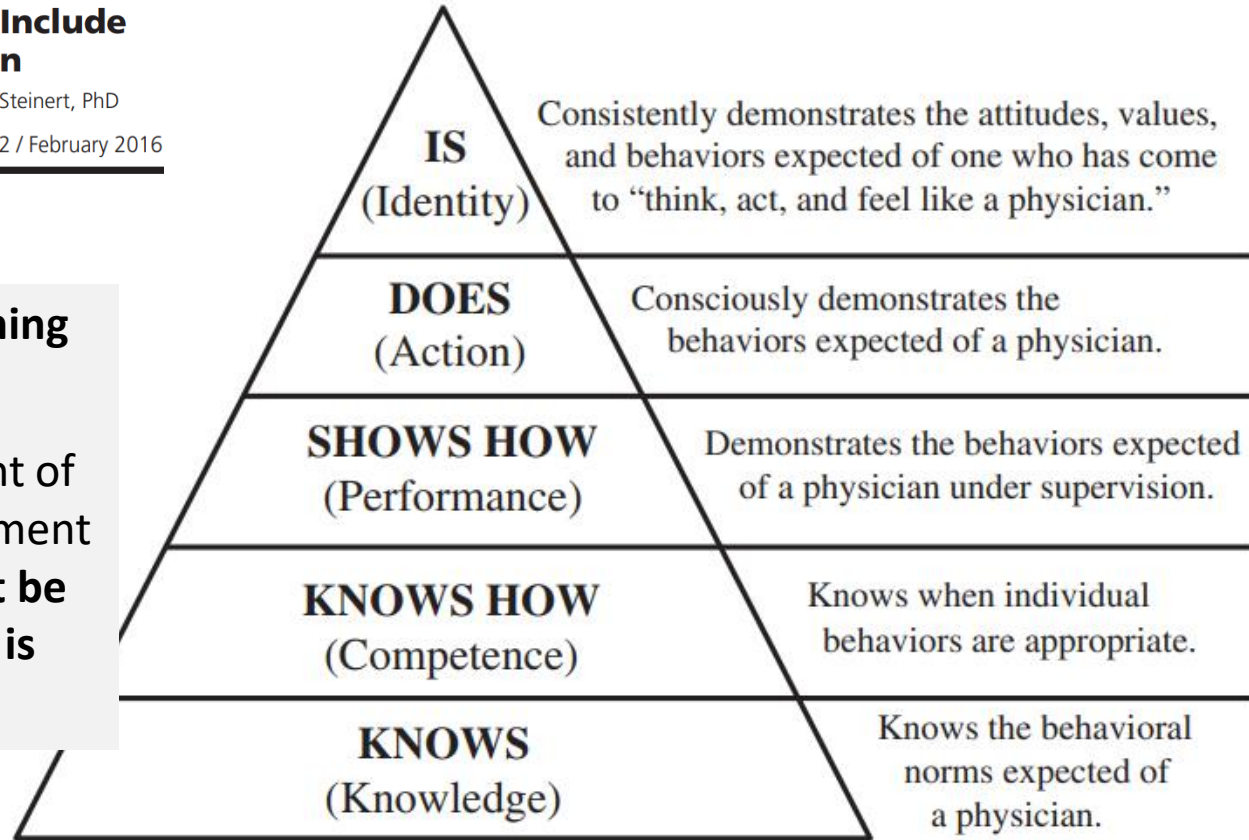
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The Implications for Teaching

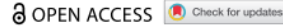
“It is self-evident that introducing the assessment of a new level of accomplishment in medical education **must be linked to changes in what is taught.**” (pg. 184)



The amended version of Miller's pyramid with the addition of “Is” and an outline of what is to be assessed at each level.



REVIEW ARTICLE



A scoping review on the relationship between mental wellbeing and medical professionalism

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ABSTRACT

Background: Mental wellbeing issues among medical students are common, and their relationship to medical professionalism is debated. Few studies have attempted to link such issues with undergraduate medical education. This review aimed to advance the knowledge on this matter by exploring the relationship between mental wellbeing and medical professionalism in undergraduate medical education.

Methods: We collected the literature about mental wellbeing and medical professionalism (published from 1 January 1986 to 31 March 2021) from the Web of Science, PubMed, Scopus and ScienceDirect databases using the search terms 'mental wellbeing' and 'medical professionalism'. We included all peer-reviewed articles in which mental wellbeing and medical professionalism in the undergraduate medical education context were the central topics regardless of the age range, nationality, race and gender of the participants.

Results: From the 13,076 initially found articles, 16 were included. These 16 articles were from nine countries in four different continents, which all together helped us find answer to our research question using extracted points relating to the main study themes (mental wellbeing and medical professionalism). Under theme 1 (mental wellbeing), six subthemes emerged: burnout, stress, depression, disappointment, depersonalisation and conscientiousness. Theme 2 (medical professionalism), on the other hand, had five subthemes: empathy, academic performance, compassion, unprofessional behaviour and professionalism. A significant inverse association was found between empathy and burnout. Academic performance was also related to burnout. At the same time, empathy was found to have a varied association with stress. Moreover, compassion was found to alleviate burnout and nurture professional gratification.

Conclusion: The medical professionalism attributes were found to deteriorate as the mental wellbeing issues grow. This can harm medical students' overall health, current learning abilities and future attitudes towards their patients. Explicit primary research is thus required to examine and intervene in the cause-effect relationship between medical professionalism and mental wellbeing.

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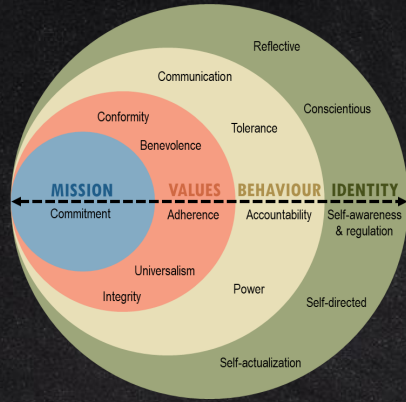
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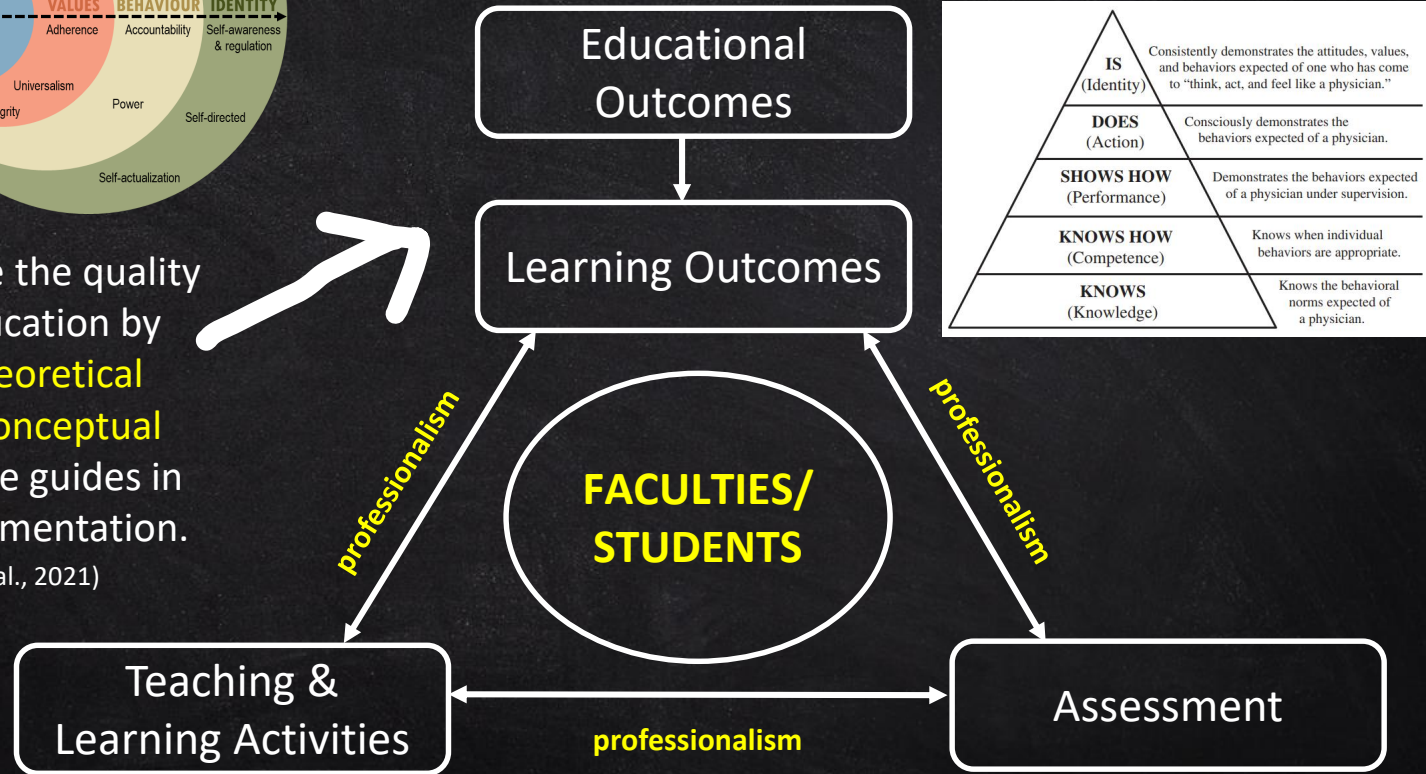


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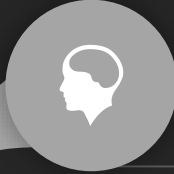
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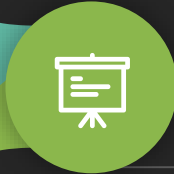


ACTIONABLE STRATEGIES TO NURTURE PROFESSIONALISM

01 Curriculum Design & Development



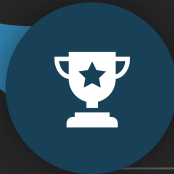
03 Teaching & Learning



05 Technology-enhanced education



07 Use the existing professionalism models as guides



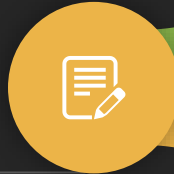
Assessment & Test Development

02



Faculty Development

04



Quality Assurance

06



Informal Curricula

Intentional, structured, opportunistic, idiosyncratic, takes place between teachers and learners in non-clinical settings and interactions.

*Wear and Skillicorn (2009)
Colardyn and Bjornavold (2004)
Livingstone (2001)*

Formal Curricula

Genn (2001): "Actual course of study, the planned content, teaching evaluation methods, syllabi and other materials used in any education setting from lecture halls to labs to seminar rooms." Inclu. Formal policy statements, regulations, expectations and competencies for every educational cohort conceivable.

Role-Modeling

Experiential Learning

Focused on Reflection

Dialectic Methods

Dialectic methods involve interactive and dynamic discussions where participants explore diverse viewpoints, engage in critical thinking, and actively contribute to the learning process.

Didactic Methods

Wear and Skillicorn (2009): "the ideological and subliminal messages of both the formal and informal curricula. The hidden curriculum can be both human and structural; that is, it can be transmitted through human behaviours and through the structures and practices of institutions."

Hidden Curricula

Diagram illustrating training approaches in the teaching of professionalism

(Genn 2001; Livingstone 2001; Colardyn and Bjornavold 2004; Wear and Skillicorn 2009; Ong et al, 2020)

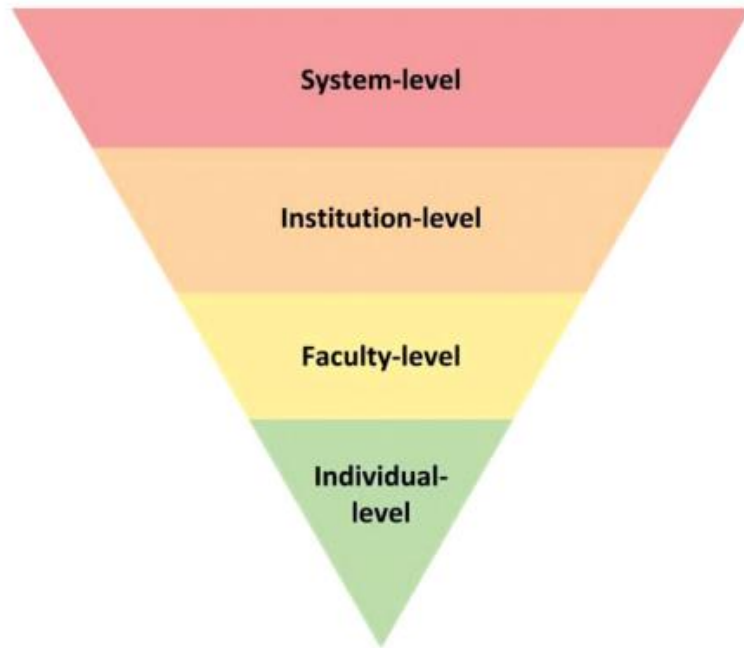


Figure 3. Different Levels of Barriers in Teaching Professionalism.

Table 4. Different levels of barriers in teaching professionalism.

Subtheme	Elaboration and examples
System-level	Informal curricula undermining formal curricula, such as if students observe unprofessional behaviour during a clinical posting.
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Faculty-level	Lack of understanding of what professionalism is
Individual-level	Disinterest in professionalism training due to scepticism or conflicting commitments

Structured, Competency-based
education
Longitudinal feedback and assessment
with the use of Portfolios

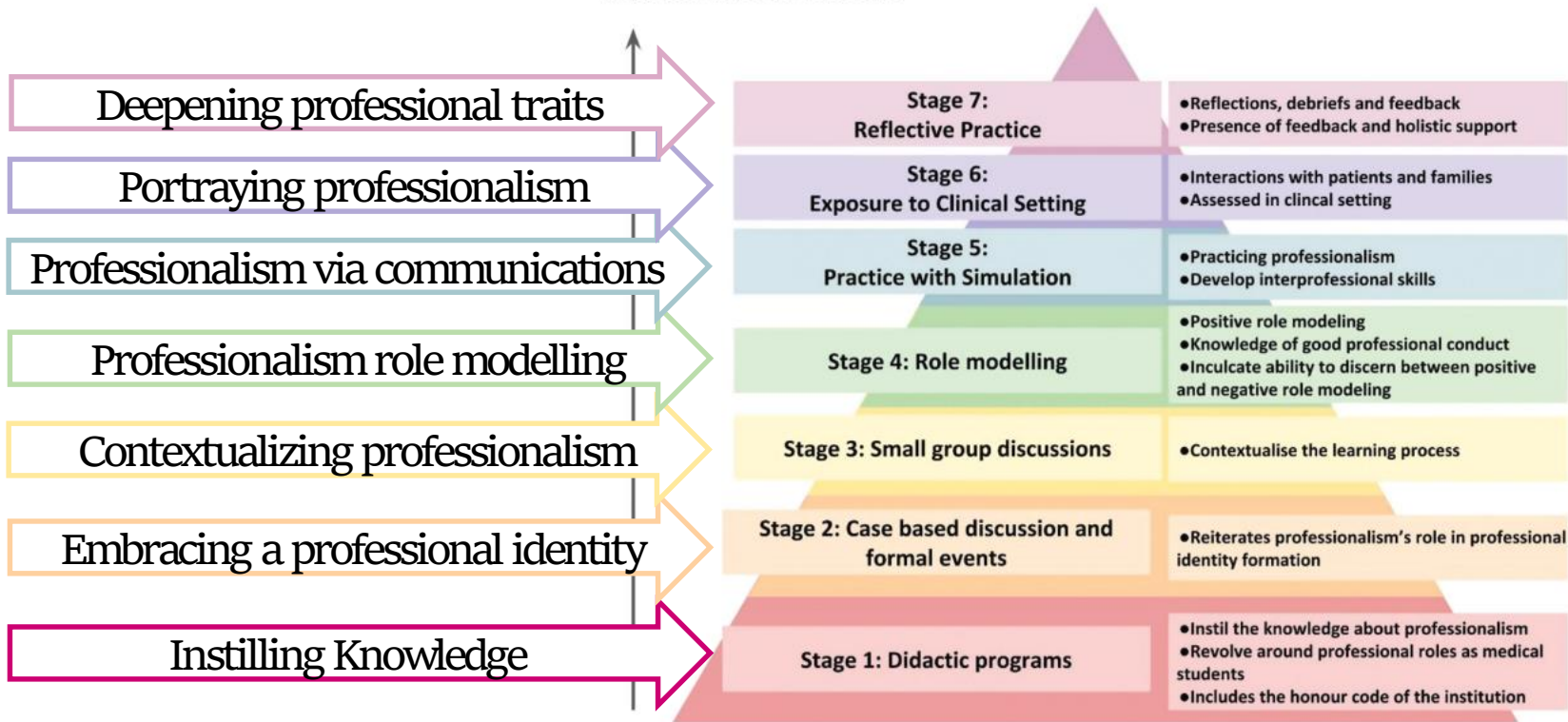


Figure 4. Diagram showing the different stages proposed in Professionalism Training.

(Ong et al, 2020)

GMT 110: Medical Professionalism

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Describe the principles of medical professionalism



Apply medical professionalism principles in clinical cases.



Demonstrate medical professionalism in verbal and non-verbal communication



Explain clinical case from ethics and professionalism perspective.



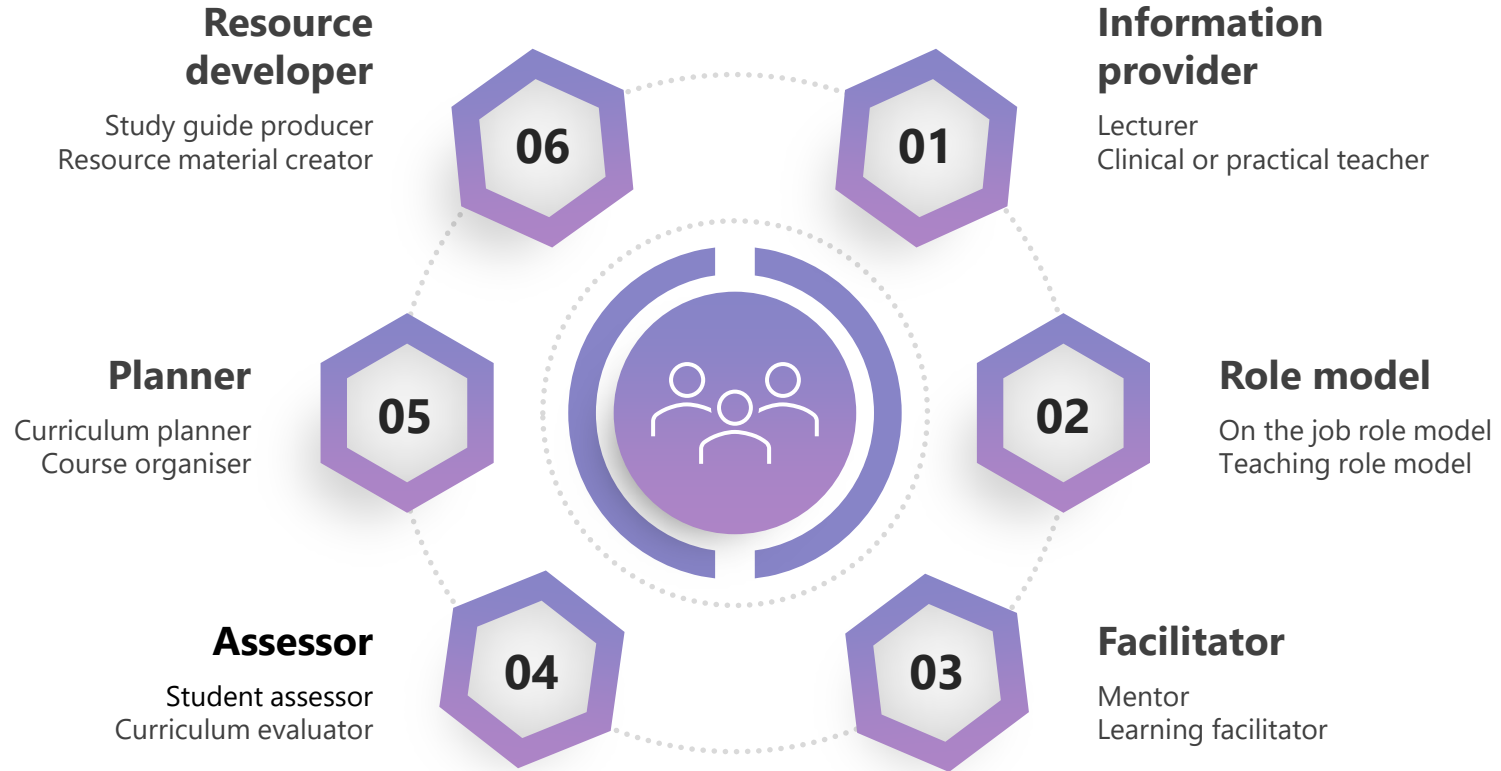
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The good teacher is more than a lecturer





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- ***More opportunity to receive feedback on professionalism***
- ***More elaboration on how to improve professionalism with examples***

'The need to promote feedback practice'

(Ahmad et al, 2015)

FEEDBACK

WHERE THE
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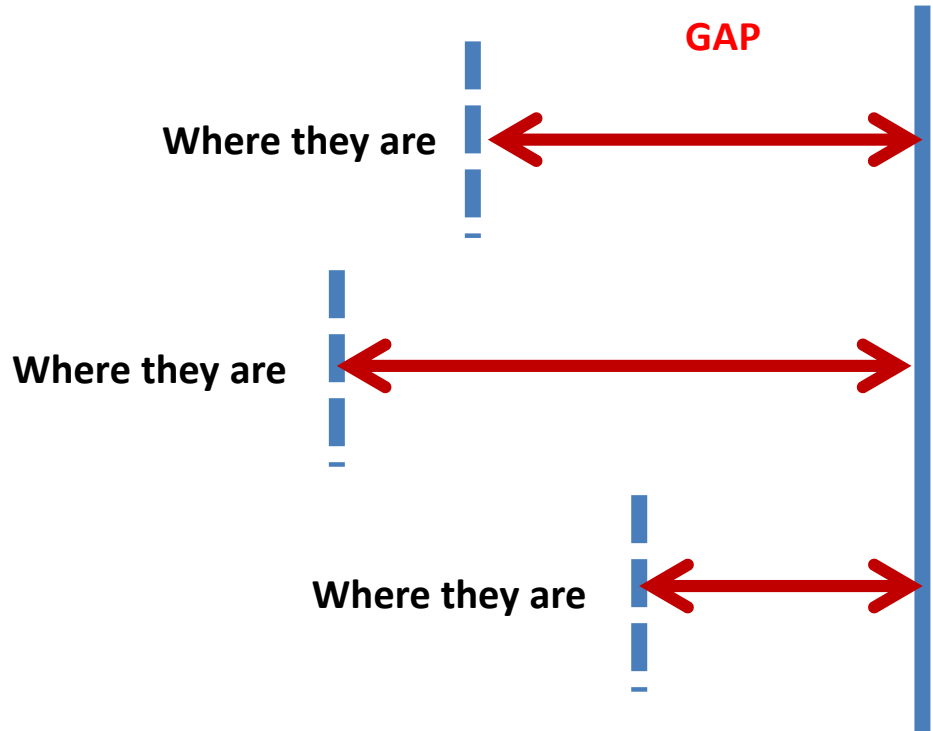
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(Hattie & Timperley, 2007)

WHERE THE
STUDENTS
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EXPECTED
TO BE

Where we want learners to be



Feedback is closing the gap

information given on a learner's performance and the existing discrepancy between the actual and the desired state



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1.	Free speech vs. professionalism	Benevolence (Values) Power (Behavior) Self-direction (Identity)
2.	The never forgiving digital world!	Communication (Behavior) Self-actualization (Identity) Reflective (Identity)
3.	A medical student on vacation	Benevolence (Values) Integrity (Values) Reflective (Identity)
4.	This platform is strictly professional!	Conscientious (Identity) Communication (Behavior) Self-direction (Identity)
5.	Is anything ever private?	Power (Behavior) Self-direction (Identity) Self-actualization (Identity)
6.	WhatsApp is a closed space!	Conscientious (Identity) Integrity (Values) Conformity (Values)
7.	Mr. Google's wise opinion	Benevolence (Values) Conscientious (Identity) Integrity (Values)
8.	Social media saved my son!	Conscientious (Identity) Power (Behavior) Universalism (Values) Integrity (Values)



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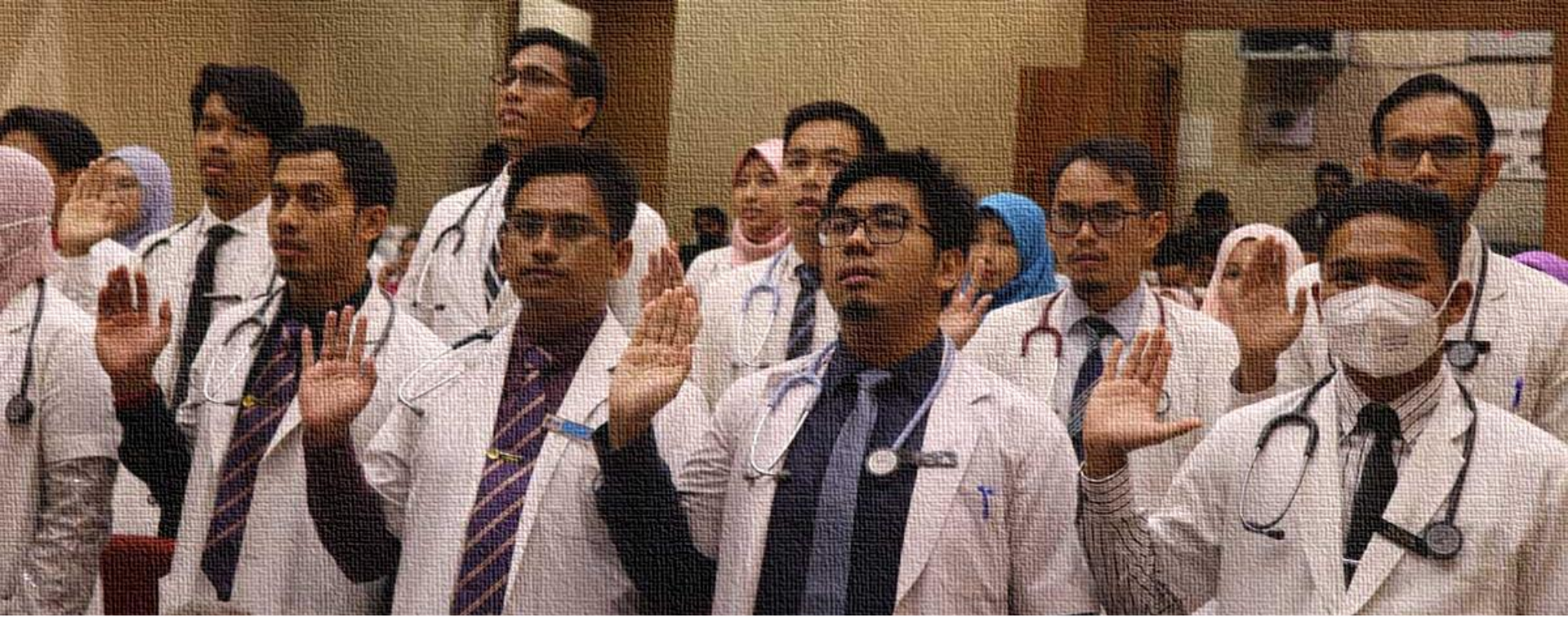
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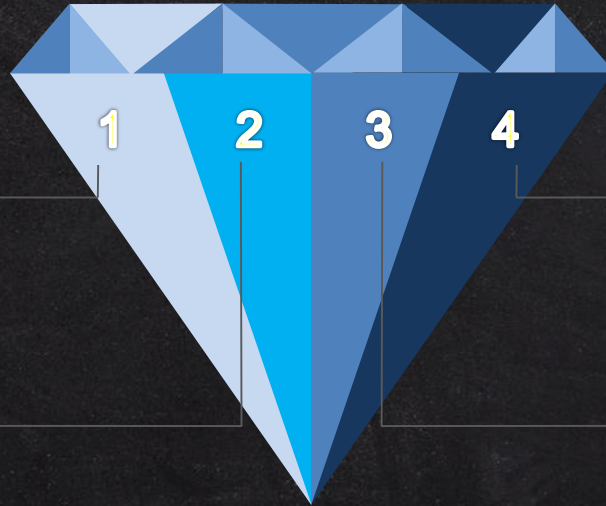
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Part 1 Summary



PROFESSIONALISM

Traditional & digital professionalism are important attributes

TECHNOLOGY

Technology enable professionalism education & growth

PROFESSIONALISM EDUCATION

Use existing professionalism models as guides to design professionalism education

ACTIONABLE STRATEGIES

Incorporate actionable strategies for cultivating a strong & authentic professionalism formation



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