

# Biting the bullet: Enhancing first-year student engagement by integrating the imperatives of transition pedagogy, blended-learning and interprofessional learning into existing curricula.

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# Session outline

## Workshop objectives

Context and motivation

Strategic goals

What worked

Redesign your unit

# Workshop objectives

1. Analyse existing L&T practice and recognise a need for curriculum redesign
2. Understand strategies that positively influence the curriculum redesign process
3. Allow participants to engage in meaningful learning through critical exploration of the curriculum redesign process



# Context and motivation

## HLSC110: An opportunity for change:

- Year 1 / Semester 1
- Inter-professional / multi-professional
  - Three disciplines
  - Five campuses
  - 2500 students
- Historical remnants



# Context and motivation

- Strategic University L&T imperatives:
  - Transition pedagogy
  - Blended learning
  - Inter-professional learning
- Improve the student experience of learning

# Strategic goals

1. Selecting the team
2. Identifying strengths and weaknesses
3. Accessing help from “outside”
4. Anticipating barriers to success:
  - Functional and productive relationships
  - Teamwork
  - Effective communication



# What worked?

- Buy-in and engagement
- Clear direction and leadership
- Oversight
- Engagement with additional support when needed
- Effective communication
  - Adobe Connect
  - Regular meetings
  - Documentation of progression towards goals

# Activity - Redesign your Unit

*Select one of your primary Units of teaching*

1. Strategic University L&T imperatives:

– Transition pedagogy

Does my Unit foster a sense of engagement, support and belonging?

– Blended learning

How can my team best use a blended learning approach?  
What do we need to know?

– Inter-professional learning

Is there a focus on interprofessional learning?

How can I improve this?

2. Improve the student learning experience:



# Activity - Redesign your Unit

## Critical considerations:

1. What benefits might be generated through a redesign of this unit?
2. What concerns may arise because of a change to the delivery approach?
3. What *specific challenges* may I face in making this change?