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Professional Doctorate in Osteopathy



Aims and Objectives

What is a Professional Doctorate?

- Research Degree that focuses on Professional Practice
- Bachelor – Master – Doctor (teacher/leader)
- Differences from Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
 - Focus on practice rather than area of knowledge (more complex)
 - Entails teaching as well as research

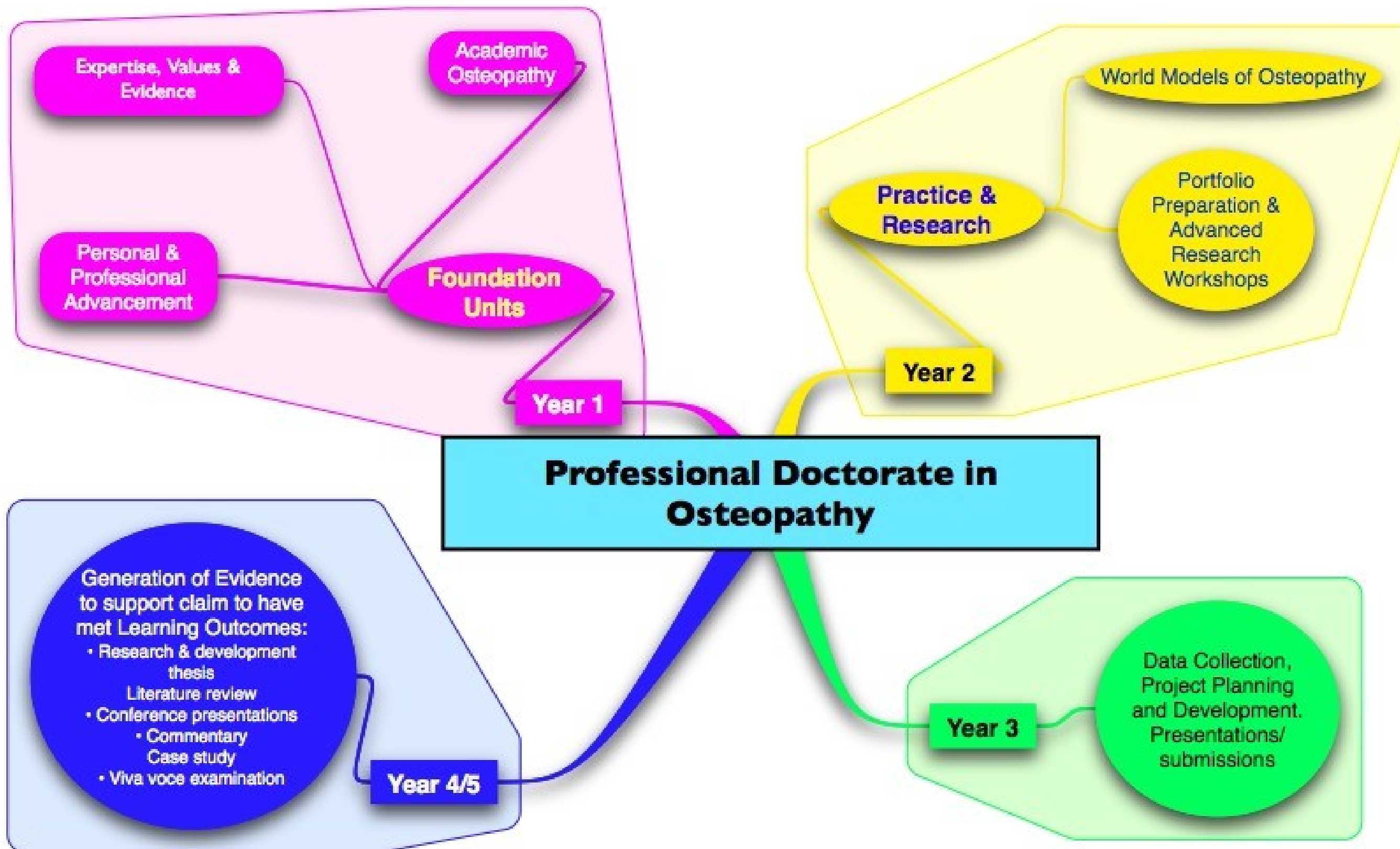
Prof.D. (Ost)

- Two broad aims

1. To promote practice-based research to extend the knowledge and skill base of osteopathy
2. To explore a range of issues that are challenging to osteopathy:
 - ✓ Osteopathic identity in a multi-professional world
 - ✓ Deep understanding of different flavours of osteopathy
 - ✓ Courage to engage in critical analysis

Organisation of Prof.D. (Ost)

- **Pre-requisite:** Master's Level knowledge of research skills
- **Year 1:**
 - Unit 1: Advancing Academic Osteopathy
 - Unit 2: Personal and Professional Advancement
 - Unit 3: Expertise, Values & Evidence
- **Year 2:**
 - Unit 4: World Models of Osteopathy
 - Unit 5: Thesis Preparation & Advanced Research



Research Stage

- Years 3, 4 (& 5): Carry out research and present for final examination
 - 35~40,000 word thesis supported by:
 - Dissemination of Key Outcomes, e.g.
 - Paper for publication
 - Diagnostic or assessment tool
 - Case study