

**AQF LEVEL** 

### **AQF LEVEL 10 CRITERIA –**

### PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

## **DOCTORAL DEGREE**

### **PURPOSE**

The Doctoral Degree qualifies individuals who apply a substantial body of knowledge to research, investigate and develop new knowledge, in one or more fields of investigation, scholarship or professional practice.

### **KNOWLEDGE**

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- a body of knowledge at the frontier of a field of work or learning, including knowledge that constitutes an original contribution
- substantial knowledge of research principles and methods applicable to the field of work or learning

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- a significant body of knowledge to conduct research that extends the frontier of educational knowledge and practice
- substantial knowledge of research principles, methods and outcomes applicable to the fields of educational theory and/or practice.

### **SKILLS**

# Graduates of a Doctoral Degree will have:

- cognitive skills to demonstrate expert understanding of theoretical knowledge and to reflect critically on that theory and practice
- cognitive skills and use of intellectual independence to think critically, evaluate existing knowledge and ideas, undertake systematic investigation and reflect on theory and practice to generate original knowledge
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