Our clusters approach creates tomorrow-changers.

Plymouth State University (PSU), regional businesses, and towns are working collaboratively through the Cluster Model of Learning, helping businesses improve and energizing towns while giving students the chance to work with real-world challenges. As they weave theory with opportunities to apply that knowledge throughout their academic career, PSU students will graduate with deeper critical thinking, teamwork, problem-solving, and communication skills, as well as the resilience to work through future complex problems.

Why Clusters?
Because cluster learning is multi-disciplinary, innovative, and hands-on. Cluster learning prepares PSU students to graduate ready to participate in the workforce, understand the nuances of working with a broad group of people, and make a positive difference in the state’s economy and, ultimately, demographics.

New Hampshire innovators and entrepreneurs will learn that PSU graduates bring new skills and collaborative multi-disciplinary knowledge that will improve the bottom line – and their community. Students will be better prepared and able to stay in NH to work and create new businesses. It is a win-win-win for students, PSU, and the state.

Key NH facts on higher education:

- 74.5% of NH high school seniors enroll in college.
- NH is the largest exporter of four-year college students in the nation.
- Almost 60% of four year college-going NH high school grads leave the state.
- Graduates of NH colleges average $36,000+ in student loan debt, the highest average student debt in the nation.
- NH college grads have one of the lowest default rates on loan repayment.
- Nationwide, there is a growing demand for post-secondary education: 70% of new jobs created since the Great Recession require a bachelor’s degree or higher (only 6.7% require high school degree or less).