## PLYMOUTH STATE UNIVERSITY ADVANCED PROGRAMS CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

The College of Graduate Studies aims to prepare exceptional practitioners in a variety of disciplines through excellence in academic study. We demonstrate a strong commitment to adult learners by responding to students' needs, helping students meet their personal and professional goals, and collaborating in the development and delivery of flexible and accessible programs.

In a planned process of clarifying goals and objectives, graduate coordinators engaged in a two-year self-study. Part of that study led to the articulation and integration of five common hallmarks into all graduate coursework: and advocacy; scholarship and action/application; reflection and innovation; professionalism and service; and global awareness and social responsibility. These common hallmarks have become the Conceptual Framework for Advanced Programs.

Learners in the College of Graduate Studies are encouraged to be active agents in their graduate programs through dynamic collaboration with our diverse faculty of scholars and practitioners. The graduate programs foster inquiry and critical thinking through a commitment to five hallmarks

- > Leadership and advocacy
- > Scholarship and application
- > Reflection and innovation
- > Professionalism and service
- Global awareness and social responsibility