The Problem-based Learning Process

0. Set the climate:
   - Assign Roles
   - Make/review ground rules
   - Review thinking and learning process

1. Read the problem:
   - Clarify key facts and terms.
   - Put the problem into context based on team members experience.

2. Define the heart of the problem:
   - Initial Ideas

3. Brainstorm:
   - Your Ideas/explanations.
   - Your response to the problem and examples from your own experience

4. Discuss and synthesise:
   - Discuss the problem
   - Summarise what you know about the key themes.

5. Identify what you need to learn:
   - List the key issues you need to study further
   - List these as questions

6. Independent Study:
   - Work on the learning issues
   - Put all this work together ready to discuss at the next PBL tutorial

7. Put your knowledge together and develop an action plan:
   - Discuss what you have learnt from your independent study
   - Summarise your learning in relation to the problem
   - Come up with an action plan

(Adapted from Barrett, O'Neill, Stanton and Cashman 2007)