

Part 1 Medicines Management

This assessment must be completed by the end of Part 1 where the student safely administers medicines to a group of patients/service users or a caseload of patients/service users in any care settings.

During Part 1 the student should be developing their knowledge and skills in relation to the safe administration of medicines. This assessment should normally be undertaken with one or more patients/service users.

The student must be allowed a number of practice opportunities to administer medicines under supervision prior to this assessment.

The student must work within the legal and ethical frameworks that underpin safe and effective medicines management and work within national and local policies.

Regulatory requirements: *Future Nurse: Standards of Proficiency for Registered Nurses* (NMC 2018), *The Code* (NMC 2018), *A Competency Framework for all Prescribers* (The Royal Pharmaceutical Society 2016)

The aim of this assessment is to ensure students can perform safe administration of medicines under direct supervision.

Learning outcomes (Annexe B 11.1, 11.2, 11.4 – 11.6, 11.7 – 11.8)

The student is able to:

1. Apply knowledge of pharmacology, how medicines act and interact in the systems of the body, and their therapeutic action.
2. Prepare routine medications where necessary, safely and effectively administer these via common routes and maintain accurate records.
3. Safely and accurately perform medicines calculations.
4. Demonstrate that they have maintained appropriate professional values, expected attitudes and behaviours during the administration of medicines.
5. Maintain safety and safeguard the patient from harm, demonstrating understanding of the Mental Capacity Act (DH 2005) and The Mental Health Act (DH 1983, amended 2007), where appropriate.

Assessment criteria based on the Learning Outcomes

Competency	Competency
Is aware of the patient/service user's plan of care and the reason for medication demonstrating knowledge of pharmacology for commonly prescribed medicines	Prepares medication safely. Checks expiry date. Notes any special instructions/contraindications.
Communicates appropriately with the patient/service user. Provides clear and accurate information and checks understanding.	Calculates doses accurately and safely. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates to assessor the component parts of the calculation. • Minimum of 3 calculations undertaken
Understands safe storage of medications in the care environment.	Checks and confirms the patient/service user's identity and establishes consent. (ID band or other confirmation if in own home)
Maintains effective hygiene/infection control throughout.	Administers or supervises self-administration safely under direct supervision. Verifies that oral medication has been swallowed.
Checks prescription thoroughly. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Right patient/service user • Right medication • Right time/Date/Valid period • Right dose/last dose • Right route/method • Special instructions 	Describes/demonstrates the procedure in the event of non-compliance.
	Safely utilises and disposes of equipment.
	Maintains accurate records. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Records, signs and dates when safely administered
	Monitors and reports effects and is aware of common side effects and how these are managed.
Checks for allergies demonstrating an understanding of the risks and management of these as appropriate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asks patient/service user. • Checks prescription chart or identification band 	Uses appropriate sources of information e.g. British National Formulary
	Offers patient /service user further support/advice/education, including discharge/safe transfer where appropriate