

## Welcome to the Practice Assessment Document (PAD)

### Student responsibilities

This Practice Assessment Document is designed to support and guide you towards successfully achieving the criteria set out in the *Future nurse: Standards of proficiency for registered nurses* and *Standards for education and training* (NMC 2018).

The PAD makes up a significant part of your overall programme assessment. It will need to be processed through formal University systems. Continuous assessment is an integral aspect of assessment in practice and you are expected to show evidence of consistent achievement. You should engage positively in all learning opportunities, take responsibility for your own learning and know how to access support. You will work with and receive written feedback from a range of staff including Practice Supervisors and Practice Assessors and you are required to reflect on your learning.

You are responsible for raising concerns with a nominated person in the practice setting in a timely manner. You should also alert staff to any reasonable adjustments that may be required to support your learning.

You should ensure you are familiar with your university assessment and submission processes for this document and contact the academic representative from your university, or refer to your university's intranet if you require support or advice on specific university procedures.

The Ongoing Achievement Record (OAR) is a separate document that summarises your achievements in each placement and with the main document provides a comprehensive record of your professional development and performance in practice.

You are responsible for the safekeeping and maintenance of the PAD. It should be available to your Practice Supervisor, Practice Assessor and Academic Assessor at all times when you are in placement together with the OAR. Alterations should be made in this document by crossing through with one line, with a signature and date.

You will have access to confidential information when in practice placements. The PAD should not contain any patient/service user/carer identifiable information. Contents must not be disclosed to any unauthorised person or removed, photocopied or used outside the placement or university.

People must be offered the opportunity to give and if required withdraw their informed consent to student participation in their care and staff in practice will provide guidance as required. Before approaching any patient/service user/carer for feedback you must discuss with your Practice Supervisor/Practice Assessor who will facilitate consent.

### Practice Supervisor responsibilities (Registered nurse/midwife or other registered health/social care professional)

In many practice areas the student will be supported by a number of Practice Supervisors. Some areas may adopt a team based approach due to the nature of the experience.

As a Practice Supervisor you have an important role in supporting and guiding the student through their learning experience to ensure safe and effective learning. This includes facilitating learning opportunities including any reasonable adjustments the student may need to get maximum benefit from the placement. It is your responsibility to contribute to the student's assessment through the recording of regular feedback on their progress towards, and achievement of their proficiencies. Specific feedback must be provided to the Practice Assessor on the student's progress

**Supervision in other placement areas** (i.e. those areas where there are no health/social care registrants)

A range of staff can support student learning and have a vital role in student learning and development though may not be contributing formally to assessment of proficiencies.

However, these staff members are encouraged to support learning and can provide valuable student feedback within the PAD on the *Record of communication/additional feedback pages*.

### **Practice Assessor responsibilities (Registered Nurse)**

As a Practice Assessor you have a key role in assessing and confirming the student's proficiency providing assurance of student achievements and competence. This includes facilitating learning opportunities including any reasonable adjustments the student may need to get maximum benefit from the placement. You will observe the student, conduct and record student assessments informed by student reflections, feedback from Practice Supervisors and other relevant people to confirm achievement. You will liaise with the Academic Assessor scheduling communication at relevant points.

Practice Assessors must have appropriate equivalent experience of the student's field of practice.

There are numerous elements requiring assessment in practice. One or more Practice Supervisors can contribute to the assessment of some of the proficiencies in discussion with you, but they must be working in their scope of practice.

When assessing the student, you should take into account sources of evidence that encompass knowledge, skills, attitudes and the views of those receiving care. Comments should acknowledge those exceptional students who are exceeding expectations for their stage in practice or who have particularly commendable attitudes, behaviours, knowledge or skills.

If the student is not meeting the required standards this should be highlighted as a development need. If there is a cause for concern or a fitness for practice issue that requires prompt action an Action Plan should be instigated to address specific needs or concerns within a specified timeframe. In the event of this, seek guidance from the Academic Assessor and/or senior practice representative.

### **Academic Assessor responsibilities**

Academic Assessors are Registered Nurses and are nominated for each part of the educational programme. The same Academic Assessor cannot contribute to the student assessment in consecutive parts. The Academic Assessor will work in partnership with the Practice Assessor to evaluate and recommend the student for progression for each part of the educational programme. The Academic Assessor will enable scheduled communication and collaboration with the Practice Assessor and this communication can take a variety of forms.

**All communications/ additional feedback (not already recorded in the scheduled interviews) from the Practice Supervisors, Practice Assessor and Academic Assessor and other staff members needs to be recorded on the relevant pages in the PAD.**

## Guidance for using the PAD to facilitate learning and assessment in practice

Assessment criteria in the PAD are based on the NMC *Future nurse: Standards of proficiency for registered nurses* and *Standards for education and training* (NMC 2018). The outcome statements have been designed by the NMC to apply across all four fields of nursing practice and all care settings (NMC 2018). *Students must be able to demonstrate a greater depth of knowledge and the additional more advanced skills required to meet the specific care needs of people in their chosen fields of nursing practice* (NMC, 2018, p6). **This Practice Assessment Document can be used in any field of practice.**

### Components of Assessment and Feedback (see individual university guidance/regulations)

**Professional Values:** Professional Values reflect a number of proficiency statements and are captured under the 4 sections of The Code (NMC 2018). All must be achieved *by the end of each placement*.

**Proficiencies:** These reflect aspects of the 7 Platforms, communication and relationship management skills and nursing procedures (NMC 2018). These can be assessed in a range of placements, but must be achieved at least once *by the end of the Part*.

**Episode of Care:** This holistic assessment(s) facilitates and demonstrates the student's progress and must be achieved *by the end of the Part*.

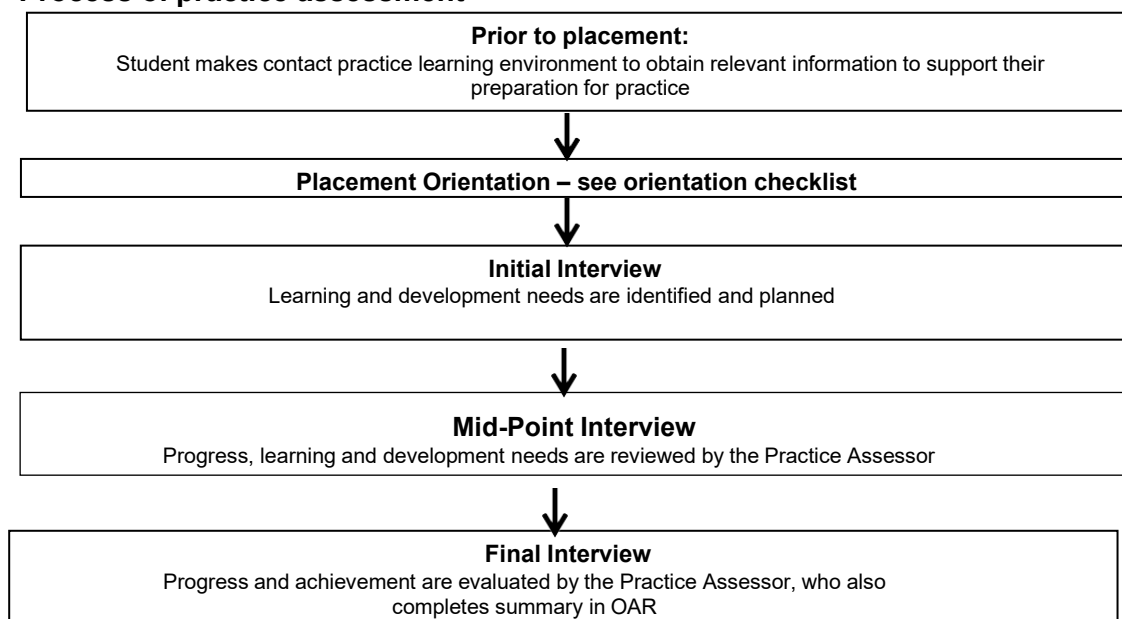
**Medicines Management:** There is one assessment included in each part and each must be achieved *by the end of the Part*.

**Patient/Service User/Carer Feedback Form:** Feedback will be sought in relation to how the student cared for the person receiving care. This is not formally assessed, but will contribute to overall student feedback.

**Recording Additional Experiences and Feedback:** There are additional pages for the student to record reflections on their own learning and pages to record communication and additional feedback from all those supporting learning and assessment.

**Ongoing Achievement Record:** The OAR summarises overall achievements and provides a comprehensive record of student development and overall performance.

### Process of practice assessment



Further information / guidance is included in the university specific pages