

The practice learning outcome for the MSc Nursing programme is

Enable the student to achieve all the generic and field specific competencies necessary for entry to the Nursing and Midwifery Council Register within the context of inter-professional working.

The NMC competencies

The NMC (2010, p11) suggests that 'competence' is a holistic concept that involves 'the combination of knowledge, skills and attitudes' along with 'values and technical abilities that underpin safe and effective nursing practice'. In the '*Standards for pre-registration nursing education*' (2010), the NMC identify standards for competence, describing the knowledge, skills and attitudes which students must acquire and demonstrate by the end of the degree programme.

The student will be assessed in practice against 17 learning outcomes, organised into 4 domains

- Domain 1: Professional Values
 - Domain 2: Communication and interpersonal skills
 - Domain 3: Nursing practice and decision making
 - Domain 4: Leadership, management and team working
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- This competency framework forms the basis for the assessment of practice documentation.
 - Within this framework are *generic* competencies that must be achieved by all nurses and *field specific* competencies which relate to either Mental Health nursing or Adult nursing
 - Therefore, each field of nursing has its own individual Ongoing Achievement Record documentation, which has the generic and field specific competencies embedded within the practice learning outcomes to be achieved.

Progression Points

The NMC has identified that the student must demonstrate attainment of all generic and field specific competencies at the end of each part of the course in order to progress:

By the end of part 1, Progression Point 1, the student will:

- Demonstrate the NMC competencies to meet the requirements of progression to part 2.

By the end of part 2, Progression Point 2, the student will:

- Demonstrate NMC competencies to meet the requirements of progression to part 3.

By the end of part 3, the student will:

- Demonstrate NMC competencies to meet the requirements for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Council Register