

Practice supervision of students

The role of the Academic Assessor

- All students on an NMC approved programme are assigned to a different nominated Academic Assessor for each part of the education programme. Usually this will be the students own academic assessor in part 1 and part 3, but in part 2 this will not be the students own academic advisor.
- Nursing students are assigned to Practice and Academic Assessors who are NMC registered nurses with appropriate equivalent experience for the student's field of practice.
- Academic Assessors receive ongoing support to fulfil their roles, Academic Assessors are expected to appropriately raise and respond to concerns regarding student conduct, competence, and achievement, and are supported in doing so.
- Academic Assessors collate and confirm student achievement of proficiencies and programme outcomes in the academic environment for each part of the programme.
- Academic Assessors make and record objective, evidence-based decisions on conduct, proficiency and achievement, and recommendations for progression, drawing on student records and other resources.
- Academic Assessors maintain current knowledge and expertise relevant for the proficiencies and programme outcomes they are assessing and confirming.
- The nominated Academic Assessor works in partnership with a nominated Practice Assessor to evaluate and recommend the student for progression for each part of the programme, in line with programme standards and local and national policies.
- Academic Assessors understand the student's learning and achievement in practice.
- Communication and collaboration between Academic and Practice Assessors is scheduled for relevant points in programme structure and student progression, and Academic Assessors are not simultaneously the Practice Supervisor and Practice Assessor for the same student.