

Mentor and Practice Teacher Roles to support learning and assessment in practice

Nursing

Students on NMC approved pre-registration nursing education programmes, leading to registration on the nurses' part of the register, must be supported and assessed by mentors.

From September 2007 a sign-off mentor, who has met additional criteria, must make the final assessment of practice and confirm that the required proficiencies for entry to the register have been achieved.

From September 2007 students on NMC approved specialist practice programmes leading to a recordable qualification on the nurses' part of the register must be supported and assessed by sign-off mentors who have met additional criteria or practice teachers where this is a requirement by commissioners. The sign-off mentor must make the final assessment of practice and confirm that the required proficiencies for recording a specialist practice qualification have been achieved.

Midwifery

Students on NMC approved pre-registration midwifery education programmes, leading to registration on the midwives' part of the register, can only be supported and assessed by mentors who have met the additional criteria for sign off. Sign-off mentors must make the final assessment of practice and confirm that the required proficiencies for entry to the register have been achieved.

Specialist community public health nursing

Students on NMC approved specialist community public health nursing programmes, leading to registration on the specialist community public health nurses' part of the register, must be supported and assessed by practice teachers. All practice teachers will be required to meet the additional sign-off criteria on successful completion of the practice teacher programme, and following a period of preceptorship.

From September 2007 the practice teacher must make the final assessment of practice and confirm that the required proficiencies for entry to the register have been achieved.

Taken from: NMC, (2008). **Standards to support learning and assessment in practice: NMC standards for mentors, practice teachers and teachers.**

<http://www.nmc.org.uk/globalassets/sitedocuments/nmc-publications/nmc-standards-to-support-learning-assessment.pdf>