PRACTICE ASSESSMENT DOCUMENT

A Guide for Mentors and Students

BSc(Hons)  PG Dip  MSc
An Overview of the Practice Assessment Document

A new Practice Assessment Document (PAD) was introduced by all the 9 universities that have London commissions in 2014. This document is being used by students from all four fields of nursing and for all programmes leading to registration, i.e. BSc, PG Dip and MSc. An understanding of the requirements of the assessment process is crucial in ensuring a positive learning experience and in supporting students to develop the required competencies for registration.

Purpose of this Guide

This guide has been developed to support all staff involved in student learning and assessment in practice as well as students themselves. There are a number of key principles that apply to students from all the 9 HEI’s though there are also some specific programme regulations that must be adhered to. You will find reference to the university specific guidance in the actual PAD and students may have further details in their programme handbooks, if available.

What is included in this Guide?

A brief summary of the PAD is included below and within this document you will find a detailed and visual guide on the various elements of the PAD with specific advice for students and their mentors/supervisors, that will also be useful for any practitioners involved in facilitating student learning.

This guide has been updated in August 2015 to reflect the amendments agreed by the Pan London Practice Learning Group following an initial evaluation and review of the document.

What has changed?

The key change is that mentors will now record a ‘Yes’ if the student has achieved the required values or skills and a ‘No’ if they have not achieved these. This was previously recorded as ‘A’ or N/A’. The orientation page now includes 2 checklists to allow for a split placement or a hub and spoke experience. Additional pages have also been added to each placement section to enable students gain more feedback on their performance from those involved in their learning. This is to also encourage more working with other healthcare professionals.

Overall Summary of the PAD

- Each document is known as ‘Parts’ to reflect the NMC progression points – for e.g. in the BSc nursing programme Part 1 will be equivalent to Year 1.
- There are 3 main components to the assessment 1) Professional Values (each placement) 2) Essential Skills (by the end of the Part) and 3) An Episode of Care (once per part)
- An initial, mid-point and final assessment must be completed for all students.
- Service user feedback is to be sought (via the mentor) – where relevant.
- Mentor/co-mentor/supervisor signatures to be included and mentors need to indicate date of last mentor update.
- Grading of practice continues for Buckingham New University and Middlesex University students.
- All students will have an Ongoing Achievement Record (OAR, i.e. one document for the whole programme in which each mentor will document their final comments.

If concerns are highlighted at any stage during the placement then the academic representative / link lecturer must be informed and an Action Plan completed.
## Completing the Practice Assessment Document

### Guidance Sections

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Guidance for Completing Placement Information

Students should complete these sections prior to the initial interview.

**NB: For some students a placement may be split across two areas**

### Placement 1

- **Placement Provider:**
  - (e.g. Trust)

- **Name of Practice Area:**

- **Type of Experience:**
  - (e.g. Community/Ward based)

- **Practice Placement Telephone:**

- **Placement Contact Email:**

- **Start Date:** …………………….. **End Date:** ……………….. **No. of Hours:** ………………..

#### Mentor/Co-Mentor/Supervisor Details:

- **Name:**

- **Designation:**

- **Name:**

- **Designation:**

#### Other Practice Staff/Key Contacts:

- **Name:**

- **Designation:**

#### Academic Contact Details:

(e.g. Link Lecturer)

- **Name:**

- **Designation:**

- **Name:**

- **Designation:**

I have seen and discussed the purpose of the student’s Ongoing Achievement Record

**Mentor’s signature:** ……………….. **Date:** ………………..

Mentor to complete at initial interview. There are additional pages in the appendix at the back of the document.
Orientation

Advice for Mentors

It is useful to provide students with an information pack pertaining to the practice area. This can include login details for local intranet sites. Mentors should use the relevant risk assessment documentation for the University and ensure they follow specific university processes where required. This page now allows for orientation to be carried out in two areas as some students may attend more than one area as part of their placement experience.

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Assessment Process—Initial Interview

Placement 1: Initial Interview

Student to identify learning and development needs (with guidance from the mentor)

Develop confidence in caring for a range of patients.

Develop appropriate therapeutic communication skills with patients/service users and relatives/carers.

Practice handing over patients’ details and progress to others.

Learn more about the role of the occupational therapists and go on a home visit to see a discharge assessment.

Mentor to identify learning opportunities to enable the student to meet their learning and development needs and assessments

This placement provides a good opportunity to be assessed on a broad range of essential skills.

Jane’s learning needs are realistic and can be accommodated on this placement.

Through liaising with the OT department a home visit will be possible.

Mentor and student to negotiate and agree a learning plan -

- I will aim to work with Jane directly during one shift per week.
- We will allocate time every week to discuss Jane’s progress.
- Jane to carry out supervised handover of care.
- A home visit with an Occupational Therapist to be arranged during the second half of the placement.

Student’s signature:  
Jane Edwards  
Date: 07/10/15

Mentor’s signature:  
Fernando Gomez  
Date: 7th Oct 2015

Advice for Mentors

The initial interview must take place in the first week of placement. Where possible mentors and students should be allocated the same roster to maximise learning and development opportunities. The named mentor must still be available to the student for at least 40% of the time and remains overall accountable for assessment decisions (NMC, 2010).
Assessment Process—Mid-Point Interview

The date for the midpoint interview should be identified at the beginning of the placement. This ensures that both the mentor and student are allocated the same shift and time is set aside for the interview to take place. Students should prepare for the interview by completing their self assessment/reflection on progress.

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Advice for Students

Your reflection should include evidence to support your self assessment. Give examples of how you’ve demonstrated appropriate knowledge, professional values and essential skills.

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Areas for Reflection

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<td>Essential Skills</td>
<td>What essential skills have I achieved?</td>
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Placements 1: Mid-Point Interview

This interview takes place half way through the placement
Mentor and Student to sign on the next page

Student’s self-assessment/reflection on progress
Reflect on your overall progression referring to your personal learning needs, professional values and essential skills. Identify your strengths and document areas for development.

Knowledge and Understanding:

I have been assessed on and achieved some of my essential skill related to communication, observations and care delivery. I have been reading up on various patient diagnoses to understand their care and the underpinning theory, for example dementia care and stroke. I have seen how the OT works with people who have had a stroke and have a better understanding of their role.

Professional Attitude:

I always act in a professional manner and have had no sickness or absence recorded. I enjoy working within a team to deliver care and always try to work within my limitations.

Participation in Care and Practical Skill:

I have been developing my communication skills and am becoming more confident when handing over my patients though still require some assistance with this. I have been working with people with dementia and learning how to communicate and interact better but still need to improve on this also.
Assessment Process—Mid-Point Interview Continued

The midpoint interview is an opportunity for the mentor and student to reflect on the first half of the placement, and plan for the second. This meeting should be an opportunity for the student to discuss their documented reflection on their learning, including their strengths and developments. Mentors should provide students with feedback, linking to learning outcomes and professional values.

Advice for Mentors

Discuss and document the Student’s progress during the Mid-Point interview.

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<td>Professional Values</td>
<td>What professional values is the student achieving? What professional values need development? What evidence supports this?</td>
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<td>Essential Skills</td>
<td>What essential skills is the student achieving? What essential skills need development and why?</td>
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Mentor’s comments
Discuss with the student their self-assessment and comment on their progress using the assessment descriptors below, detailing evidence used to come to your decision.

Knowledge and Understanding:

Jane has been steadily developing her knowledge base of patients’ conditions in this placement. She has demonstrated initiative by researching conditions and treatments and applying this to her work on the ward. She needs to develop further understanding of commonly used medications.

Professional Attitude:

Jane is developing into a compassionate and caring nurse. She needs to develop her communication skills especially in regards to responding to non verbal cues from the patients for example recognising when a patient is in pain and offering analgesia. Jane is very nervous about public speaking and is not yet confident in the hand over of her patients.

Participation in Care and Practical Skills:

In most cases Jane is demonstrating safe practice, although during the last 2 weeks Jane has forgotten on two occasions to let the nurses know that patients were in pain and this delayed their analgesia.

Jane is not achieving professional value 10, we have an action plan for this.
### Placement 1: Mid-Point Interview

**Ongoing learning and development needs**

To be agreed between Mentor and Student – sign and date all entries below.

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<th>Identify learning and development needs</th>
<th>Identify the learning opportunities/support to enable the student to meet their needs</th>
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<td>I need to develop my confidence in communicating with patients/service users and other professionals.</td>
<td>Observe trained staff communicating with patients and relatives/carers.</td>
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<td>The areas that I need to develop include talking during the ward handover, and the bedside handover.</td>
<td>Jane will be given time to write out her handover for 1 patient and show it to me before the end of the shift. When she is more confident we can increase to 2—3 patients and use these same notes for the bedside handover.</td>
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<td>Jane would like the opportunity to attend the multidisciplinary team meeting.</td>
<td>Jane’s roster will coincide with at least 2 MDT meetings.</td>
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<td>I need to improve my active listening and my mentor and I have written an action plan for this.</td>
<td>We will follow the action plan for improving Jane’s active listening.</td>
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<th>Sign when reviewed: Fernando Gomez</th>
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<td>Student’s Signature: Jane Edwards</td>
<td>Date: 21/11/15</td>
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<td>Mentor’s Signature: Fernando Gomez</td>
<td>Date: 21st November 2015</td>
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Any outstanding learning and development needs are to be discussed and documented at the final interview.

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**Advice for Students:** Use this section to identify specific learning opportunities that you feel would help you develop.

**Advice for Mentors**

This section should include areas the student needs to improve as well identifying further opportunities for students excelling within the placement.
**Placement 1: Final Interview**

**Knowledge and Understanding:**

I have progressed well in most areas. I have been assessed on and achieved a sufficient number of essential skills. I have maintained professional values and this is evident through the continued positive feedback I’ve received from my patients and their relatives.

**Professional Attitude:**

I have improved my active listening skills and I’m remembering to report concerns to my mentor or another appropriate member of staff.

**Participation in Care and Practical Skill:**

I feel that I am far more confident in the handover of patients. I have had plenty of opportunities to practice and demonstrate this.

**Mentor’s comments**

Discuss with the student their self-assessment and comment on their progress using the assessment descriptors below, detailing evidence used to come to your decision.

| Knowledge and Understanding: | Jane has been steadily developing her knowledge base of patients’ conditions in this placement. She has demonstrated initiative by researching conditions and treatments and applying this to her work on the ward. Her knowledge of commonly used medication has greatly improved. |
| Professional Attitude: | I have seen a dramatic improvement in Jane’s verbal and non verbal communication skills. This is evident in the therapeutic relationships she has developed with her patients. |
| Participation in Care and Practical Skill: | Jane has responded well to the objectives in the action plan and is now demonstrating safe practice with far less need for supervision and prompting. |

Please record any further comments on the next page

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**Advice for Students**

Use this section to identify specific learning opportunities that you feel would help you develop during your next practice learning experience.

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**Advice for Mentors**

Use this section to summarise areas the student has achieved and any areas of non achievement. There should be an action plan completed at this time if the student has not achieved any outcome.
### Assessment Process—Final Interview Continued

#### Learning and Development Needs
To be agreed between the Mentor and Student

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<th>Review learning and development needs identified at the Mid-Point Interview and those to take forward to the next placement</th>
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#### Knowledge and Understanding
More practice with handover, team meetings, writing notes, care planning and goal setting.

#### Professional Attitude
Jane needs more experiences of talking and listening with patients whilst delivering nursing care. Her focus is sometimes on completing tasks rather than giving holistic care. It would benefit Jane to be allocated a small group of patients on her next placement so she can develop skills in total patient care, not just completion of nursing tasks.

#### Participation in Care and Practical Skill
Jane needs further experiences of total patient care in terms of personal care, assisting with mobilisation, assessment and recording of vital signs, care planning, handover, notes writing and wound management would also be of great benefit.

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**Was an Action Plan required to support the student?**

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**If Yes, was the Academic Representative informed?**

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The Action Plan can be found on page 59

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<th>Mentor’s checklist for assessed documents</th>
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<td>I have signed the professional value statements the student has achieved in this area</td>
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<td>I have signed the relevant skills the student has achieved in this area (where applicable)</td>
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<td>I have completed and signed the grading of practice document (depending on university requirements)</td>
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<td>The student and I have checked and signed the practice placement hours</td>
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<td>I have completed all the interview records and development plans</td>
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<td>I have printed and signed my name on the List of Mentors/Supervisors Record</td>
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<td>I have completed the Ongoing Achievement Record (OUR)</td>
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**Student’s signature:** Jane Edwards  
**Date:** 14/12/15

**Mentor’s signature:** Fernando Gomez  
**Date:** 14/12/15
Assessment of Students—Descriptors

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<th>Professional attitude</th>
<th>Participation in care and practical skill</th>
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<td>YES</td>
<td>Is able to identify the essential knowledge base, is safe, but may need to develop further understanding</td>
<td>Is able to demonstrate positive engagement with learning and respond appropriately to situations with some assistance</td>
<td>In commonly occurring situations is able to perform care and skills under direct supervision</td>
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<td>NO</td>
<td>Is not able to demonstrate an adequate knowledge base and has significant gaps in understanding, and/or demonstrates unsafe practice</td>
<td>Is not able to focus on the service user and/or appears disengaged from the activity or responds inappropriately to service users/carers or colleagues</td>
<td>With direct supervision is not able to demonstrate safe practice and is unable to perform the activity and/or follow instructions despite repeated guidance</td>
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Advice for Mentors

Sources of evidence

*Using the assessment descriptors, detail evidence used to come to your decisions.*

- Have you tested the student's knowledge and understanding
- Has the student demonstrated appropriate professional values?
- Have you observed/tested the student performing the skill or meeting the competency?
- Have you received testimonies from patients/service users/carers/relatives?
- Have you received feedback on the student's performance from other members of staff?

Progression Points

The NMC has identified skills and professional behaviours that a student must demonstrate by each progression point. These are:

**Progression Point 1**

- Safety, safeguarding and protection of people of all ages, their carers and their families
- Professional values, expected attitudes and the behaviours that must be shown towards people, their carers, their families and others

**Progression Point 2**

- The student works more independently, with less direct supervision in a safe and increasingly confident manner
- The student demonstrates the potential to work autonomously, making the most of opportunities to extend knowledge, skills and practice.
Assessment of professional values in practice

Assessment of Students—Professional Values in Practice

Assessment of professional values is a continuous process and mentors should provide specific evidence of where standards are being met / not met and the midpoint and end of placement.

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<th>Professional attitude, behaviour and responsibility</th>
<th>Achieved Mid-point Yes/No</th>
<th>Initial Date</th>
<th>Achieved Final Yes/No</th>
<th>Initial Date (FINAL)</th>
<th>Evidence Comments</th>
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<td>1. The student maintains confidentiality in accordance with the NMC code.</td>
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<td>Final — Has maintained confidentiality with all written and verbal records.</td>
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<td>2. The student is non-judgemental, respectful and courteous at all times when interacting with patients/service users and all colleagues.</td>
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<td>Midpoint—No problems. Final — Always engages with patients in an appropriate way, puts them first.</td>
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<td>3. The student maintains an appropriate professional attitude regarding punctuality and communicates appropriately if unable to attend placement.</td>
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<td>Midpoint— She is punctual and appropriately dressed. Final - This has been maintained.</td>
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<td>4. The student’s personal presentation and dress code is in accordance with the organisation’s uniform policy.</td>
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<td>5. The student maintains the person’s privacy and dignity and advocates on their behalf.</td>
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Advice for Mentors

Students should be assessed on ALL professional values during EVERY PLACEMENT.

Mentors must record student progress at the midpoint and end point of the placement.

If the student is not achieving any aspect of professional values this must be identified as a development need with the student. If it continues, an action plan may be required.

Development plans should reflect specific areas of concern and be completed as early in the placement as possible to ensure the student has the maximum time and opportunity to develop.

Action Plans are instigated when there is a cause for concern or fitness for practice issue that requires prompt action. The joint Action Plan must involve the mentor/supervisor and an academic representative from the student’s university e.g. Link Lecturer or Personal Tutor.
There are 5 skills clusters of assessment. These are:

1. Care, compassion and communication
2. Organisational aspects of care
3. Infection prevention and control
4. Nutrition and fluid management
5. Medicines management

As students progress through each part of the programme the essential skills will vary by number and level of difficulty. This ensures that students are assessed at all times with reasonable expectations given their level of experience.

Assessment of Students from Different Universities

Each university has provided specific instructions on assessment of essential skills on page 4 of the students’ practice assessment document. Please review this information before undertaking the assessment.

If a student achieves a learning outcome

This is assessed at the final interview as Achieved. Mentors should record this by writing an ‘A’ in the box titled level. They should then date and sign the assessment.

If a student does not achieve a learning outcome

This is assessed at the final interview as Not Achieved. Mentors should record this by writing an ‘NA’ in the box titled ‘Level’. They should then date and sign the assessment and record this in the ‘Ongoing Learning and Development Needs’ page in the PLPAD. If there is a fitness for practice issue or concern a joint action plan should be instigated.

In the example provided the student has not achieved Learning Outcome 3 on the first placement. The student has been reassessed on Learning Outcome 3 by a different mentor on placement 3 and this time the student achieves the outcome. Remember that students do not have to be assessed on every learning outcome on every
Assessment of Students—Episode of Care

Advice for Students

Students should discuss opportunities for completing an episode of care with their mentor. Students can practice episodes of care and ask for feedback from mentors before undertaking the summative assessment.

Advice for Students

I assisted a patient to shower as she was unable to do this for herself. I was able to help her wash and style her hair and brush her teeth. I helped her dress after the shower.

I gave her choices about how she wanted to shower and made sure she was comfortable and safe. I made sure that she consented to having a shower with me present. I made sure there was a shower chair and made sure she used the handrails when standing up. I closed the bathroom door and used the engaged sign to maintain privacy.

I was able to discuss a strategy with a health care assistant to ensure that whilst I was assisting with the shower the other patients in the unit were able to seek help from another member of the team.

Jane demonstrated a very kind, caring and professional approach whilst helping her patient to shower. She went out of her way to maintain her patient's dignity.

Jane Edwards

Mentor’s signature: Fernando Gomez

Date: 05/12/15

Jane’s communication was very clear and reassuring. Her patient understood what was happening at each stage as she used language that the patient understood. Good documentation.

Jane maintained patient safety throughout, helping the patient to mobilise. Jane forgot some basic equipment, however Jane dealt with this professionally and has reflected really well on what she would like to improve.

Jane was able to get advice from the other staff on the best way to delegate and also consult the care plan to make sure she was following the best way to provide care.

Mentors should supervise students completing their episode of care. This will usually be direct supervision, however indirect supervision would be more appropriate at times to protect patient dignity.

Jane was very slow, I could have been more organised and arranged the bathroom before we started. I had to leave to get a towel at the end of the shower.

What would you have done differently?

I need to think though all parts of patient care so that I can be more organised and think of what I need to do before I start.

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The student needs to be able to work more confidently and demonstrate their potential to work autonomously.

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These Part 3 assessments must be undertaken by the Sign-off Mentor.
Assessment of Students—Action Plan

Action Plans are instigated when there is concern or fitness for practice issue that requires prompt action. It must involve the mentor/supervisor and an academic representative. Please see flow chart below—see individual university guidelines for more detail on their processes.

### Action Plan

**Date** | **Placement Name** | **Date for Review**
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Esther Ward | 04/12/15

**Area of Concern**

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<th>Professional Value 10</th>
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<td>Jane has forgotten on two occasions to let the nurses know that patients were in pain and this delayed their analgesia.</td>
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**Criteria for Success / Support Available**

- The mentor to reassess and pass Jane as achieved in professional value 10 by the review date.
- Agree strategy for recording information
- Own allocation of 2 patients and regular updates with mentor.

**Review Meeting**

- Date: 14/12/15
- Reviewer: 
- Comments:

**Signed (Mentor):**

Fernando Gomez

**Date:**

21st November 2015

**Signed (Student):**

Jane Edwards

**Date:**

21/11/15

**Signed (Academic Representative):**

Jen Frazer

**Date:**

24/11/15

**Mentor’s Name (please print):**

Fernando Gomez

### Advice for Mentors

If a student requires an action plan, the mentor must liaise with academic representatives (e.g. Link Lecturer / Personal Tutor) and senior practice representatives to instigate a joint action plan with the student.

- Concern identified by mentor
- Mentor discusses concern with student.
- Concern documented as Professional Value or Essential Skill
- Mentor liaises with academic and senior practice representatives for support
- Mentor and Student agree action plan
- Mentor documents action plan
- Review action plan
Assessment of Students—Service User Feedback

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Advice for Students

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Mentor Signature: Fernando Gomez
Date: 17/11/15

Student Signature: Jane Edwards
Date: 17 Nov 2015
## Recording Learning Experiences—Additional Learning Opportunities

### Advice for Students

Additional learning experiences should reflect learning that is in addition to the usual day to day learning experiences available in a placement area or a short non-assessed placement.

All additional learning experiences should be undertaken through discussion with your mentor to ensure they are appropriate for your level of learning.

There is no set time period for an additional learning opportunity. The length is dependent on the experience being undertaken, but must be discussed and agreed by your mentor.

### Advice for Mentors

The types of experiences that students may benefit from in your placement can be discussed at the initial and midpoint interviews. These may include hub and spoke experiences or working with other members of the multi disciplinary team.

It is also reasonable to expect that students will identify their own preferences for learning experiences based on their individual learning needs.

### Record of working with other health care professionals/inter-professional working

Record reflections on your learning in outreach/short practice placements or with members of the multi-disciplinary team.

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<th>Reflections on your learning</th>
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<td>Details of your experience</td>
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<td>14/11/15 Home visit with an OT to assess a patient in her home before discharge</td>
<td>4 hours</td>
<td>This really opened my eyes to all the things that need to be thought about before discharging a patient home. My patient had limited movement because of her stroke and it was good to see how the OT assessed her in her bathroom and kitchen and see what aids and adaptations she would need before going home. It made me realise how important it is to start discharge planning really early as lots of different services need to get involved.</td>
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<td>Supervisor’s comments and Signature</td>
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<td>Jane really benefited from this experience and working with the multidisciplinary team in our ward.</td>
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Recording Learning Experiences—Records of Meetings

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<td>17/11/2015 15.30</td>
<td>Jane Fish Link Lecturer</td>
<td>I met with Jane and discussed her progress on this placement. I checked her PAD assessments. A few skills have yet to be assessed so I have discussed targeting appropriate skills as well as assessment of these with her mentor. Will review progress of this on my next visit.</td>
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Initial, Midpoint and End interviews do not need to be recorded in this section.

If students require additional advice, support or development of action plans then these meetings should be recorded.

Meetings with link / liaison lecturers should also be recorded.
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All mentors/supervisors who document in a student's PAD must provide their details.

This is to ensure the university can assure the NMC that correct processes have been followed and that all mentors/supervisors are properly up to date and qualified to verify the student's competence. Those supervisors/assessors who are not registered nurses should indicate their professional qualification.