

Who are practice assessors and how are they prepared?

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[Practice assessors](#) are registered nurses, midwives, and nursing associates, or in the case of prescribing programmes any qualified prescriber, who assess a student's practice learning for a [placement or a series of placements](#). A nominated practice assessor also works with the academic assessor to make [recommendations for progression](#) for the student they are assigned to.

They have been [prepared and supported](#) to take up their role and have [current knowledge and experience](#) relevant for the proficiencies and programme outcomes they are assessing.

Standards for student supervision and assessment: [6.2–6.8](#) (page 8), [7.1, 7.3–7.5](#) (page 9), [8.1–8.4](#) (page 10)

Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education: [3.8](#) (page 9), [S4.1, R4, 3–4](#) (page 11)

Standards for prescribing programmes: [4.5, 4.6](#) (page 12)