

Updating your account to Practice Assessor / Supervisor

From September 2019, the nursing programme is now using the Standards for Supervision and Assessment (NMC2018) for practice learning and assessment. This means that OPAL has been updated to reflect the changes from Mentor / Sign-off Mentor to the new roles of Practice Supervisor and Assessor.

As you have an account with OPAL, the first time you log in you will be directed to update your status before you can access a student's portfolio.

Check the boxes that apply and click save.

The standards now enable All registered professionals to support nursing students as a practice supervisor.

This means that you check several boxes.

1. Nurse Mentor / Sign-off mentor

Following the transition update you are a practice supervisor and assessor so check both.

2. Midwife

In addition to being a mentor and sign-off mentor you are a practice supervisor for nursing

3. Allied Health Professionals

In addition to being a mentor / practice educator for your own profession you are a practice supervisor for nursing

**Once complete you will need to log out.
A student can then invite you into their
portfolio.**

Midwifery

I am a registered **Midwife** and a sign-off mentor

I am a registered **Midwife** and am NOT a sign off mentor

Nursing

I am a **Practice Assessor (PA)** and I am a Registered Nurse with current knowledge and expertise and I am appropriately prepared for the role;

I am a **Practice Supervisor (PS)** and I am a registered Professional and I have current knowledge and experience and I am appropriately prepared for the role

I am a **registered professional (non nurse)** and practice supervisor with current knowledge and expertise and I am appropriately prepared for the role.

Learning and Assessing Course

I am a **registered non nurse professional** completing a learning and assessing course

Social Work

I am a registered social work **practice educator**

I am a registered social work **placement supervisor**

Allied Health Professionals

I am an occupational therapy **practice placement educator**

I am a physiotherapy **practice placement educator**

Operating Department Practice

I am an operating department practice **mentor**

If you have any queries please contact your organisation practice education team or the University Practice Learning Adviser team upla@bournemouth.ac.uk

Who can complete the OPAL portfolio?

This table identifies who is able to complete the assessment of practice. Please contact upla@bournemouth.ac.uk for any clarification that may be required.

Role	Practice Assessor	Practice Supervisor
Sign Hours	Yes	Yes
Initial Meeting	Yes	Yes
Midway Review	Yes	Yes (must be in agreement with the practice assessor)
Midway formative Grading	Yes	Yes (must be endorsed by practice assessor)
Final Review	Yes	No
Final Grading	Yes	No
Competencies grading and final feedback	Yes	No
Feedback	Yes	Yes
Approach patients / families for feedback	Yes	Yes
Spokes	Yes	Yes
Development plan	Yes(plans must be reviewed and evaluated)	Yes (can provide formative guidance and feedback)
Administration of Medication	Yes	Yes
Medication Essential Clusters	Yes	No

For additional guidance on how to complete the OPAL assessment please see the relevant guides in the help area of opal or access the Essential guide for supporting learning in practice. The Essential guide provides guidance on managing placement as well as completing the practice assessment.