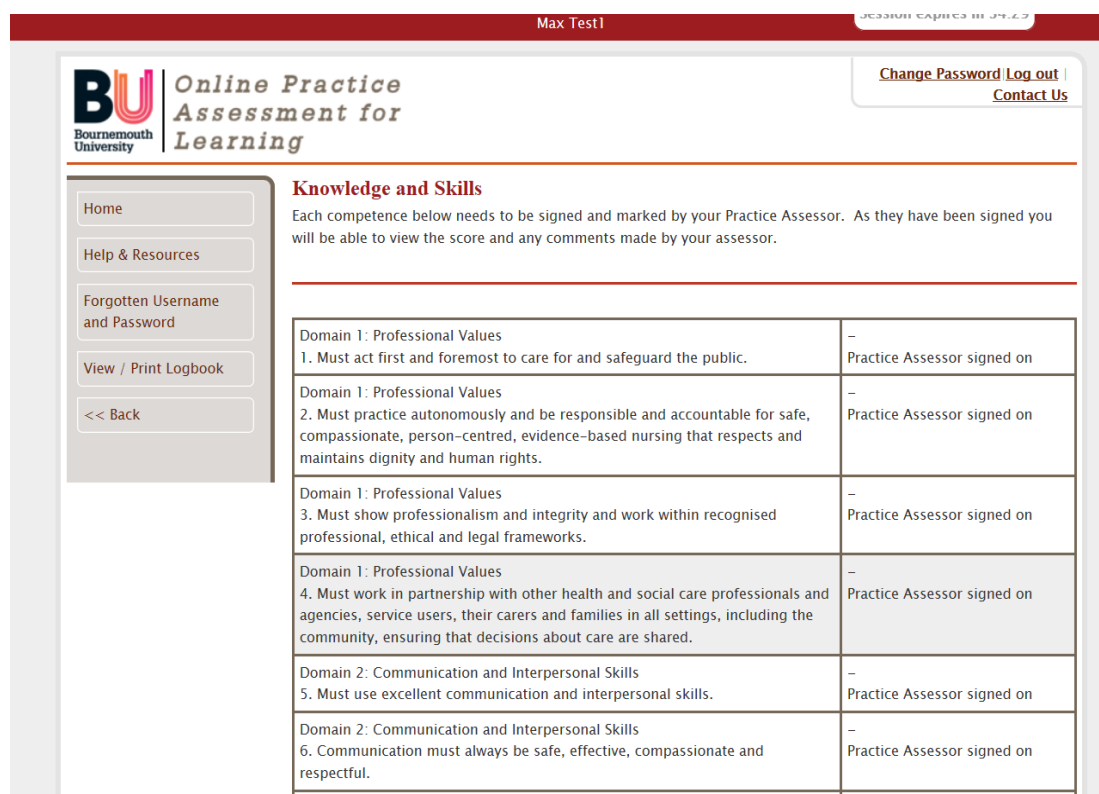


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### How to complete assessment of NMC competencies (Practice Assessor).

During most placements students will be undertaking assessment in the 18 NMC competencies which are in the Knowledge and skills section of OPAL. It is good practice to ascertain from the student when their submission date is and what they are expected to complete in the placement. In some instances students are expected to complete all assessment in one long placement (normally only in year one) but most placements students will be expected to complete at least four competencies as they will have further placements later in the year.



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#### Knowledge and Skills

Each competence below needs to be signed and marked by your Practice Assessor. As they have been signed you will be able to view the score and any comments made by your assessor.

Domain 1: Professional Values 1. Must act first and foremost to care for and safeguard the public.	– Practice Assessor signed on
Domain 1: Professional Values 2. Must practice autonomously and be responsible and accountable for safe, compassionate, person-centred, evidence-based nursing that respects and maintains dignity and human rights.	– Practice Assessor signed on
Domain 1: Professional Values 3. Must show professionalism and integrity and work within recognised professional, ethical and legal frameworks.	– Practice Assessor signed on
Domain 1: Professional Values 4. Must work in partnership with other health and social care professionals and agencies, service users, their carers and families in all settings, including the community, ensuring that decisions about care are shared.	– Practice Assessor signed on
Domain 2: Communication and Interpersonal Skills 5. Must use excellent communication and interpersonal skills.	– Practice Assessor signed on
Domain 2: Communication and Interpersonal Skills 6. Communication must always be safe, effective, compassionate and respectful.	– Practice Assessor signed on

From the student dashboard click on the term **View** next to the heading '**Knowledge and skills**' in the areas for assessment box on the dashboard (Tip you will need to click on the year tab with the \* to access the student dashboard if it does not appear). You will then see the knowledge and skills section open. The first section is an overview of the 18 competencies. In the screen shot above we can see one competency has been assessed and the others are yet to be completed. This section is merely a record and you need to scroll down to reach the sections to complete.

The first section you see is the assessment criteria which are set out within the competencies to assist the practice assessor when grading each competency.



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student may be required to not undertake all competencies in the placement. It is advisable to discuss with the student at initial interview what is required as they will have been briefed by their academic assessor.

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