

OPAL Technical Guide 11 Student and mentor How to record Clinical logs in OPAL as part of EU directives (Adult Nursing only).

Adult nursing are required by NMC and statutory legislation to gain insight and experience into caring for patient and clients from other fields. To achieve this BSc (Hons) Adult Nursing and PG Dip Adult Nursing students are required to collect a portfolio of evidence which is submitted at the end of the course. It is a course and NMC requirement this is completed satisfactorily (it is assessed as Pass / Fail) and submitted on the summative submission date at the end of the course.

There are two elements to this a portfolio of learning activities and recording of practice based learning experiences where students have cared for a patient / client from one of the four groups which are;

- Mental Health / Psychiatry
- Learning Disability
- Maternity Care
- Child care / Paediatrics

It is expected over the course students will record a minimum of two clinical logs in OPAL to record learning experiences of caring for these groups. The eight clinical logs are recorded in OPAL for the mentor or the academic advisor to read and review.

How to access the clinical logs? It is the students responsibility to record the clinical log first and then to advise either the mentor or the AA for them to read and sign. The person signing the log may request the student to add further detail in respect of the learning from the experience. References are not required but can be added.

To access the log click on **Continuous Assessment**, and then click on **View**, this will open up the template to be completed.

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Below you will see your course details and dashboard of your practice assessment. For each year you can see the placements for that year which will then allow you to record your experience against that placement.

Course Continuous Assessment Year 1 * Year 2 Year 3

Continuous assessment

Below you will see the forms that allow you to capture other information in your practice. Use the relevant links to add, edit and remove records.

Clinical Logs

Year 1 (0)

Year 2 (0)

Year 3 (0)

View

It is important to note at this point that confidentiality must be preserved and prior to saving the clinical log entry students will be asked to confirm that confidentiality has been preserved.

When View is clicked the template will open with instructions on how to complete. The template is intuitive and can be accessed by clicking **Add New**.

The clinical log provides you with the facility to record practice learning opportunities where, as an Adult Nurse you have been involved in the care of patients who are traditionally cared for by other fields of nursing and midwifery. Throughout your course through your adult nursing placements you will have opportunities to care for patients / clients who are from the following groups;

- Mental Health / Psychiatry
- Learning Disability
- Maternity Care
- Child care / Paediatrics

The clinical log provides you with the facility to record your care experience with patients and individuals from these groups.

By the end of your course this log is submitted with your OPAL PAT as part of the summative assessment and therefore you must ensure that throughout the course you make records using the template. **You are expected to have as a minimum two logs from each of the four groups.** You may undertake more than one log in a placement as some placement areas will offer multiple opportunities to care for patients from these groups. Your academic advisor will read and sign off the entries at the end of each year.

Add new

Signed	Title	Date of Clinical Log	Actions
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First of all the student is required to complete a title, confirm date and most importantly identify from which of the four areas the clinical log relates using a drop down box function.

There are then three areas to enter information; Brief description of experience (do not include patient details), What did you learn from the experience?, How will this experience change your practice in the future?

Please remember OPAL locks out after 35 minutes so you might want to type up your information first and cut and paste. Otherwise remember to use the **quick save** button which saves your work and allows you to continue editing and adding further information.

What did you learn from the experience? Session expires in 23:09

Edit

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mother and the father even though it was an emergency. I also learned from the midwife how it was through regular observations that it was identified the baby was in distress and it only took less than 30 minutes between the alarm being raised and the baby being born.

Words: 187

How will this experience change your practice in the future?

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I suppose I would say keep calm and carry on. Even though everyone knew it was an emergency I could see how everyone remained calm and clearly communicated. As well as the theatre team there was the midwifery and Obs / Gyne team and the Paeds team all in at the birth.

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☒ I confirm I have maintained confidentiality and not included patient names or details in this clinical log.

Quick Save **Save and Complete**

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When you are happy tick that **Confidentiality** has been maintained and then click **Save and Complete** and this will save your clinical log for the mentor or the AA to sign.

Who signs the clinical log? Ideally mentors should sign a log to confirm the learning experience has occurred but they will only be able to do that while the placement is open (ie before the final interview is signed). If a log is added after a placement the AA will review and sign the completed log.

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