

What preparation do I require to become a Practice Supervisor and/ or a Practice Assessor for students undertaking a Specialist Community Public Health Nursing (SCPHN) or Specialist Practice Qualification (SPQ) programme from 2024?



Practice Supervisor

All practice supervisors and practice assessors must complete the Practice Supervisor and Practice Assessor New to Role Programme available at: [learn hscni net sign in](#)



Practice Assessor

Will have completed a period of preceptorship in line with the NMC principles for preceptorship as a SCPHN or a SPQ nurse  
OR  
Can evidence prior learning and relevant practice supervisor experience that enables you to **facilitate effective evidence-based learning opportunities** for SCPHN or SPQ nursing students.

Is an experienced registered SCPHN or SPQ nurse for the programme the student is undertaking

And

Completed a period of preceptorship in line with the NMC principles for preceptorship as a SCPHN or a SPQ nurse  
OR  
Can evidence prior learning and relevant practice assessor experience that enables you to engage in **fair, reliable and valid assessment processes** in the context of SCPHN or SPQ nursing.

Attend the relevant practice supervisor practice assessor preparation programme provided by the university which will include an update on

- ✓ The NMC Standards for post-registration programmes (2023)
- ✓ The course curriculum
- ✓ The Practice Assessment Documentation
- ✓ The clinical competencies to be achieved
- ✓ The roles and responsibilities of Practice Supervisors and Practice Assessor

The preparation programme will be delivered face to face or via an e-learning platform

Following completion of the preparation programmes all health care professionals must sign a self-declaration form to evidence their ability to meet the NMC Standards for Student Supervision and Assessment.

For ongoing support please link with the Practice Education Team in your HSC Trust or/and the relevant university

Non NMC registered practice assessors and practice supervisors supporting students on the independent and supplementary prescribing (V300) element of SPQ programmes should complete at least one regionally agreed preparation programme.