



From Tools to Expertise:

Cultivating Assurance in Assessment

When you're taking on peer assessments, portfolio evaluations, and practice-based learning, it can feel like you're shouldering a hefty load. In the hustle and bustle of a busy Emergency Department, these tasks may seem overwhelming. But imagine if you didn't have to face the challenge of becoming a competent assessor all on your own. Now, what if the necessary tools, training, and support were already laid out for you?

At the Faculty of Emergency Nursing (FEN), we're in your corner. We understand that every nurse has the inherent ability to evolve into a proficient and trusted assessor. That's why we're committed not just to providing assessment tools like Mini-CEX, DOPS, and ESLE, but also to offering a comprehensive Assessor Education Programme that accompanies you every step of the way.

Start with Essential Tools

Our reliable assessment forms cover a wide range of areas—from clinical procedures to communication, critical thinking, and setting priorities. However, seasoned nurses know that owning the right tool doesn't necessarily mean you're ready to use it with self-assuredness.

Here's where our engaging webinars come into play. FEN's Assessor Programme helps you to:

- Understand the unique benefits of Mini-CEX, DOPS, and ESLE
- Learn to assess with fairness and consistency
- Master how to provide insightful, constructive feedback
- Judge both clinical performance and portfolio evidence effectively
- Guide learners in earning academic credit through vocational achievements

Practical Assessments for Practical Professionals

Assessing colleagues goes beyond ticking boxes; it's about appreciating skills, nurturing progress, and ensuring that care quality remains uncompromised. Whether you're assessing a certain skill or reviewing work reflection, your input is vital in upholding high standards and developing trust.

FEN facilitates this with:

- Open-access tools available for any Emergency Department
- Resources for both clinical and written assessments
- A thriving community of assessors who champion collaborative education

Being an official educator isn't a prerequisite. Many of our assessors hail from diverse roles such as Staff Nurses, Sisters, Nurse Managers, and other advanced practitioners who naturally mesh assessment with their regular duties.

Build Confidence and Fortify Your Team

To excel as an assessor, you must ask insightful questions, listen actively, and truly understand what proficiency looks like. The FEN Assessor Programme is your ally in mastering these skills.

When nurses feel assured in their assessment abilities, something transformative unfolds:

- Assessment integrates into everyday learning
- Practice becomes increasingly reflective
- Teams develop a cohesive strength

If you've ever hesitated with skill sign-offs, providing feedback, or mentoring someone through their portfolio, this programme was tailored for you. It's not about chasing perfection; it's about embracing progress, fortified by a strong foundation.

Whether you're just stepping into the role of an assessor or looking to refine your approach, FEN's resources and training are here to support your growth and development.