

Preparing to take your OSCE

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What is OSCE?

The Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) is part of the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) registration process for Nurses and Midwives who have trained outside of the UK.

OSCE Structure

The examination has 10 stations including:

- Four stations, which are linked together, are based around a scenario, known as the APIE (one station for assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation)
- Four stations to test skills (two pairs of two skills)
- Two stations to assess the candidate's values and behaviours and evidence based practice.

Cost of OSCE

The fee to take OSCE is £794. If you fail and must retake seven or fewer stations, the reduced fee is £397.

The majority of the Trusts in the UK provide six to eight-weeks theoretical and practical teaching by experienced OSCE trainers. Included in the training is workbooks and mock OSCE exams. The Trust may also cover the cost of your 1st attempt at the exam, as part of their benefits package.

For an overview of the OSCE please read the following booklet **Test of Competence: OSCE information booklet for nurses**

Getting your results

- You will receive your results, via email, within five working days
- If you have passed OSCE, you will receive an email with details of next steps
- If you did not pass OSCE, you will receive an email with feedback on the specific stations and elements where you were unsuccessful. This feedback will assist you in preparing for your next attempt, focusing only on the stations you need to retake

Our OSCE advice

We highly recommend you practise your OSCE multiple times. Remember to be confident on the day and we wish you the best of luck.

Find out more about OSCE here **NMC OSCE: Test of Competence 2021 - The Nursing and Midwifery Council**

Registering with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC)

Once you have passed your OSCE, you can submit the supporting documents to the NMC for review.

For more information, please read our 'how to register with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC)' document.