

GUIDELINES

SUBJECT/TITLE: Objective Structured Clinical Assessment and Review (OSCAR) for the Undergraduate Nursing Program		PAGE: 1 of 2
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PURPOSE:

To provide safe and appropriate patient care, nursing students need to demonstrate knowledge, understanding, thinking, application, and competence in the performance of assessments, procedures and skills.

DEFINITION:

“Objective Structured Clinical Assessment and Review (OSCAR)”: An objective assessment, through a variety of simulated patient situations, improves consistency and provides evidence of student competence and critical thinking integrating both theory and practice. To support student learning within this assessment, a review is incorporated to provide feedback for student improvement.

PROCESS:

The following statement will appear in all practice-based course outlines:

OSCAR

The Objective Structure Clinical Assessment and Review (OSCAR) is an objective assessment through a variety of simulated patient situations which improves consistency and provides evidence of student competence and critical thinking integrating both theory and practice.

The student must participate in OSCAR scenarios throughout the Bachelor of Nursing Program. The OSCAR will consist of the student demonstrating skills and competencies necessary for practice, incorporating learning from theory courses and on-and-off campus. This is to ensure their capability to provide safe and competent patient care. The Nursing Instructor (NI) will inform the student if remediation is required. The student and their NI, in consultation with the Nursing Practice Course Coordinator (NPCC) as necessary, will create a plan for remediation. For example, attend CSLC skill practice re-demonstration, one-on-one support.

The Objective Structured Clinical Assessment and Review (OSCAR) for the Undergraduate Nursing Program guideline document is available at: <https://nursing.ucalgary.ca/policies>

POINT OF EMPHASIS:

OSCAR is a formative assessment.

If a student is unable to successfully complete the OSCAR after two attempts, a remediation plan will be put in place, which may include a learning plan and a meeting with the NPCC.