A moving target: Assessing the process and progress of learning

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Assessment FOR Learning

• Authentic assessment practices
• Formative and summative feedback processes
• Reflection
• Professional degree programmes
• External mentors, assessors, supervisors
• Challenges of assessment validity, reliability, & transparency
• Observe, support and verify the developmental journey of the learner
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PebblePad is a software suite for the creation of online, interactive learning resources. It is used by educators and students to develop, manage, and deliver educational content. It provides a platform for creating and sharing course materials, assignments, and assessments.
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Clinical Assessment at La Trobe University

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Making the case for an e-Clinical tool powered by a Personalised Learning Space (PLS)

**Key Question:** Is it possible to personalise the clinical learning experience of nursing students and effectively track their progress?

**Why personalise**
- The diversity of our student population
- Sound pedagogy dictates that the clinical development of a student is a personal journey
- The need to meet regulatory standards
The eClinical Tool powered by Personalised Learning Space (PLS)

OLD

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

NEW

A

D

F

C

E

• Fragmented Clinical Training
• Highly structured and easy to manage
• Management focused and not student focused

• Personalised Clinical Training
• Learner focused
• Chaotic unless Powered by a PLS
Personalised Learning Space is the solution- our eClinical Tool is powered by Pebble Pad

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• **YES** but you need a PLS as a management backbone allowing you to track a moving target and also offering an opportunity for the moving target to track itself.

  - Continuity - aspects of performance are repeatedly sampled and compared across time (deliberate practice)
  
  - Developmental process: feedback is used to change performance (Ipsative assessment)
  
  - Multiple inputs: assessment is based on multiple exemplars of performance and there are multiple educators providing input to the process (mastery of learning)
  
  - Opportunities to reflect - opportunity to develop personal goals or define learning needs and contribution to their professional growth (reflective practice)

Pedagogy = Mastery of Learning, Deliberate Practice, Smith, M (2013). Assessment of Clinical Learning
Future Vision of Personalised Learning Space at Latrobe University

- Theme Driven Self Assessment (Mandatory)
  - (VPSR) Communication/Therapeutic
  - Communication and Patient Safety/ Situation Management and Leadership/Teamwork
  - (First2Act) Clinical Reasoning/Decision Making
  - (Docucare) Health Assessment/Documentation
    - (Continuous throughout three years)

- Assets
  - Professional Curriculum Vitae
  - Self Assessment Certificates
  - Reflections etc

- Pebble Pad

- Clinical Assessment (criterion referenced)
  - National Competency Assessment (ANMC National Competence Standards)

- Employer Competences (Skills Areas)
  - (criterion referenced)
    - (Continuous throughout three years)
Thank you
Assessing the process of learning: scaffolding critical reflection

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James’ story
One of my biggest values in life is respect. My father always taught me that respect is one of the keys to success. John is still learning about respect and his actions made me more aware of my personal views [about respect] ... I believe if John learns more about ... the true meaning of respect, then his mentality toward authority and to others may change?
Dialogic prompt: formative feedback

This is an important value to identify James. What does respect look like to you? What could you do to teach him ‘the real meaning of respect’? How did your father do it? Is that what you do now or have you developed a different approach? What have you learned about handling students with disruptive behaviours or a psychological issue such as ADHD from the research literature?
To me respect is a combination of human emotion and attitude. Things like manners ... telling the truth, putting others first ... helping people succeed, being treated how you want someone to treat you ... I was raised on these values as a child ... Dad ... said that my views on what is right and what is wrong will come down to a personal decision based on my heart and mind.

Now how do I teach something like this to someone like John? Perhaps I can’t? Scaffolding is an integral technique which helps us to structure student learning (Zwozdiak-Myers, 2012). Could I scaffold the concept of respect for someone like John? I think it can be done but with obvious guidelines and perseverance. I think the issue is much deeper ... John has ADHD and I have to realise this as well... He likes using his phone and is distracted by it. According to Woolfolk and Margetts (2007), students with learning disabilities are easily distracted. Something I need to think about.
MY JOURNEY

Welcome

Domain One

Domain Two

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Achievement and Evidence

Reflection - 1.2

Reflection - 2.1

PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE

Achievement and Evidence

Reflection - 3.1

Reflection - 4.3

Moving to the Next Level

Personal Reflection

*What has this process of learning taught me and how has it changed my perspective on teaching?*

For the past five years I have always wanted to do my masters in education. However, through this time, many influencing factors affected this goal of mine. I wanted to improve my effectiveness as a teacher (Zwozdiak-Myers, 2012). After waiting patiently and consulting my wife about it, I decided to apply through Southern Cross University. I applied three days before applications were closed. The whole process was over before I knew it. I was about to enter an uncharted domain which I was not completely prepared for.

The last time I was in university was in 2008 when I graduated. Getting use to university life via the external or long distance program is a massive challenge. One positive from it was that I didn't have to go to campus but the negative of going back to university was apparent. I had no friends to call upon as you would do, if you had contact time. Now the biggest issue was working full-time as a teacher, part time as an actor and personal trainer while also being the provider for my family. I was in for a shock. Where to from here?
Final ePortfolio reflection ... a metacognitive response

Over the last 10 weeks I had trouble with a student of mine who suffered from mild to high ADHD. We both battled for supremacy in the classroom. His behaviour was not only inappropriate but disruptive.

During the course of assignment one and two I was able to reflect on how I dealt with his behaviour. By taking a step back and analysing my performance I was able to regroup and try a different approach regarding our obviously strained relationship. In doing so, we now have reached a rather pleasant compromise regarding his progress and interaction in class. This would not have occurred unless I evaluated the situation ... This ... has given me real personal satisfaction that my teaching style and philosophy have improved in this short period of reflection.
FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE OF REFLECTION

Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery, Semester 2, 2014

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First Year Experience of Reflection

- Reflection provides foundational links to evaluate learning

- Step towards lifelong learning habits

- Portfolio-based fieldwork assessment task

- Example of assessment
## Example Reflections Workbook

This workbook contains the activities that you need to complete for Task 2.

### Goal

You will collect and present evidence demonstrating your achievement of the 5 clinical experiences throughout the semester and link to NMBA Clinical Competency Standards for the Midwife.

### Marking Criteria

1. Reflection on midwifery practice experiences
2. Evidence to demonstrate professional development and participation in learning activities
3. Adequate evidence of meeting the NMBA Competency Standards for the Midwife in practice
4. Use of professional portfolio technology

### Midwifery Experience - Complete where you attended your experience below

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- **Reflection**
- **Gibbs (1988) Reflective Cycle.**
- **Description, Feelings, Evaluation, Analysis, Conclusion, Action Plan.**
Conclusion - (what else could you have done?)

Remember the purpose of reflection is to learn from an experience. Without detailed analysis and honest exploration that occurs during all the previous stages, it is unlikely that all aspects of the event will be taken into account and therefore valuable opportunities for learning can be missed. During this stage you should ask yourself what you could have done differently.

Action plan - (what will you do next time?)

During this stage you should think yourself forward into encountering the event again and to plan what you would do – would you act differently or would you be likely to do the same?

References

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NMBA Competency Standards

Please list the NMBA competency standards that apply to this reflection. Be specific e.g. Standard 4, element 4.2 provides or supports midwifery continuity of care.

NMBA Codes and Ethics

Please list the appropriate codes and ethical standards that apply to this reflection. Be specific e.g. Conduct statement 1 Midwives practice in a safe and competent manner. Value statement 6 Midwives value a culture of safety in midwifery care.

• References

• Links with the NMBA Competency Standards

• Links with NMBA Professional Codes and Ethics
Mental Health Nursing Passport

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The issue!

- Clinician/Employee needs -
  - Lifelong learning
  - Career progression

- Industry needs -
  - Succession planning
  - Corporate governance
Meeting both needs!

- Portfolio Development
  - Lifelong learning as an ethos
  - Demonstration of a skill base for the individual
  - Digital verification of skills for governance purposes
The UNFOLD project aims to help students view their experience as a 4-year long journey clearly linked with their future (not 1 year repeated 4 times!)

Launched in 2013 to encourage tutees to structure their reflection around Personal Tutor meetings and to start thinking about the future:

1. Reflective online templates (distributed before one to one meetings)
2. Reflection prompting activities for group meetings

Each UNFOLD personal reflective workbook is split into templates (one per semester)
Each template is split into three sections:

• General commentary on academic progress,
• Graduate attributes and extra-curricular skills,
• Understanding feedback and acting upon it!
You already started the 2nd semester as a student of the University of Edinburgh. The past few months must have been filled with a lot of learning and many new discoveries (about yourself and others around you).

*If the BBC were to make a short documentary about you and your time in Edinburgh so far what title would the programme have? In a few sentences, how would they advertise the documentary to their viewers?*
Are our students trying to navigate their own way through that stream, or are they – somewhat helplessly – being carried by it?

Going back to the "riding the stream" metaphor, our aim is to persuade students that self-reflection will turn them into better self-navigators.

Is a face-to-face meeting still needed or relevant? Yes, the invaluable face-to-face conversation still takes place as planned. However, the tutor is now able to take the dialogue onto a higher level.
All in all, is it worth the effort? Let’s imagine for a second that I was a graduating student, who for the last few years had been regularly asked to take such reflective snapshots of myself. First, I could easily access my input from my early days at university. I would be able to confront my initial judgments again, while at the same time re-focusing on some of the moments from an entirely different time-perspective. Those brief revisits to our educational past can be very empowering. Problems, issues, plans and hopes tend to pass the test of time in their own unique and complex way. Having documented and rediscovered some of my earlier footprints, I could plan better for the journey ahead. Tinyurl.com/aboutunfold
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