



Independent member of the NMC Committee: Student

In September 2024 QAA took on the role of Quality Assurance Service Provider for Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) quality assurance activities across the UK. To support this function QAA are now looking for a student on a registered NMC approved programme to sit on the QAA Board's NMC Contract Advisory Committee.

As student of this Committee you will collaborate with fellow members to oversee the delivery of the contract between the QAA and the NMC, providing information and assurance to both the QAA and its Board. We are seeking forward-thinking individuals to help monitor QAA's performance against key performance indicators, evaluate its engagement with key stakeholders, and offer oversight and advice on potential risks and related action planning.

For this role we are looking for a student from an NMC approved programme with a demonstrable interest in ensuring the student interest is protected in higher education provision.

The closing date for applications is 4 May 2025. If you are interested in the role and have questions contact governance@qaa.ac.uk. Interviews for shortlisted candidates will take place over Microsoft Teams between 12 and 23 May 2025.

To apply, please create a profile on our recruitment portal and submit your CV along with a one page cover letter which outlines how you meet the criteria as outlined in the person specification. Only applications which include a CV, and a cover letter will be considered for the role.

QAA recognises the positive benefits of equity, diversity and inclusion. Our aim is to be truly representative of all sections of society, and for all to feel respected, free to be themselves no matter what their identity or background, and able to give their best. We value the differences that a variety of backgrounds, experiences, perspectives and skills brings and strongly encourage suitably qualified applicants to apply and join us.

We are committed to ensuring accessibility for all applicants. If you need any reasonable adjustments to participate in the recruitment process, please careers@qaa.ac.uk. We are committed to working with all to understand what accommodations are necessary to ensure a fair and accessible process.

Position and person specification, independent member of NMC Committee for QAA

Position specification

About QAA

The Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) is the UK's independent quality body for tertiary education, and our purpose is to ensure that students and learners experience the highest possible quality of education. As the Quality Assurance Service Provider for the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) it has been entrusted with undertaking quality reviews of nursing and midwifery programmes in UK institutions.

QAA also undertakes reviews for institutions throughout the UK both from funding by Government bodies and independently to institutions that want to showcase their quality. QAA is also a membership organisation as well as having a consultative and advisory role, working at government level through to individual organisations, and plays a leading role in international developments in quality assurance, through membership of the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA) and of the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE).

QAA is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity with an office in Gloucester. For further corporate information, please see our [Annual Report for 2022-23](#) (PDF).

Role

This is a position as a member of the QAA Board Sub-Committee, the NMC Contract Advisory Committee. The Committee is responsible for the leadership, scrutiny, and quality of the work being undertaken for the NMC, and in particular for:

- monitoring the delivery of the contract;
- providing information and assurance to the QAA Board and NMC on the quality of delivery of the contract;
- holding QAA to account for its performance in meeting NMC requirements and standards;
- ensuring key performance indicators are met;
- ensuring processes are in place to monitor and evaluate the performance and effectiveness of QAA's work for NMC against approved key performance indicators;
- safeguarding the reputation and core values of QAA; and
- seeking and receiving assurance on the efficacy of communication with key stakeholders within the NMC.

Time commitment

The QAA NMC Contract Advisory Committee normally meets three times a year, usually via Teams.

Remuneration

NMC Contract Advisory Committee members receive no remuneration apart from reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of members' duties and these are reimbursed in line with QAA's policies.

Person specification

Applicants to a position are expected to:

- demonstrate they are a current or recent (within one year of course completion) student on an NMC approved programme;
- demonstrate interest in ensuring the student interest is protected in higher education provision;
- demonstrate knowledge of the NMC standards for nursing and midwifery education;
- demonstrate an appreciation of the dynamics in which quality assurance of higher education provision operates (political, social, financial);
- demonstrate an appreciation of the range of stakeholder interests in UK higher education and NMC provision;
- provide evidence of Committee skills: objectivity, independence of mind, and good judgment; collegiate attitude to decision-making; willingness to share knowledge, skills and expertise to the benefit of the organisation and the beneficiaries of its work; and
- demonstrable willingness to accept the responsibilities of being a member of the Committee and ability to commit to the demands and requirements of the role