Create a New Form

Last Modified on 09/05/2025 9:24 am EDT

Path: Main Menu > Admin Tools Menu > Form Builder

About

You can create Forms within NextStep to replace paper forms that you use in your Agency. Below are steps on how to add a new Form, add Fields to a Form, and associate Programs and Locations with a Form.

Table of Contents

Add a New Form

- 1. Navigate to the Form Builder by following the path above.
- 2. Click the Add New Form button. The User Defined Forms page opens.

	FORM	BUILDER	
SELECT FORM:	-Select A Form		~
	Add New Form	Main Menu	

- 3. In the Form Name field, enter the name of the Form you're adding.
- 4. In the Form Alias field, enter an alias for the Form.
- 5. Select the **checkboxes** for options that start with "Show..." to include specific information in the Form. Options located toward the bottom of the page can also be selected to add additional details to the Form. Refer to the on-screen descriptions for details on what each checkbox adds to the Form.
- 6. Click the % Form Type drop-down and select a Form Type from the list below. This cannot be changed after the Form is added.
 - Scheduled Forms: These Forms have a due date that resets every time the Form is filled out. Often, Scheduled Forms are sister Forms of Assessment Forms. For example, a Consent for Treatment might be due at admission (Assessment Form) and then completed annually (Scheduled Form). Other examples include PHQ-9, GAD-7, etc.
 - Unscheduled Forms: These Forms can be filled out for a client at any time. Unscheduled Forms do not have a due date, are not required, and can be filled out as often as needed.
 - **Discharge Forms**: These Forms are completed at discharge. Once signed/sealed, the client is discharged and no further work can be done on that client.
 - **Transfer Forms**: These Forms are the Forms of record for client Program transfers. Editing a Program on the Face Sheet automatically creates a Transfer Form which is stored in the Document Center.
 - Assessment Forms: These are required, one-time Forms and have a due date.
 - **Pre-Admit Forms/Intake Forms**: These Forms are completed prior to a client's Program admission; once admitted, Pre-Admit Forms cannot be completed for a given client.
 - Follow-Up Forms (After Discharge): These Forms are used once a client is discharged and no more work can be done on that client.



	Show Admission Date At Top:		
	Show Form ID In Title:		
	Show Todays Date At Top:		
7	Show Form Header:		
L	Show Empty Fields:		
•	% Form Type:	Select Review Type	
	Show Permanent Address in Weblink:		
	Client Education:		
	Billing Friendly:	If checked this form will automatically include a Date of Service field and have the Billing screen pop up upon form s	eal.
	Date of Service Friendly: Time of Service Friendly:	 If checked this form will automatically include a Date of Service field If checked this form will automatically include a Date of Service + Time field 	
	Service Location Friendly:	 If checked this form will automatically include a Date of Service + Time field If checked this form will automatically include a Service Location field 	
	Client Portal Accessible:	 If checked this form will be able to be started by Clients in the Client Portal 	
	Limit Viewing to Author:	 If checked, the form can only be viewed by the person who filled it out and Administrators. 	
	Revocable:	If checked instances of this form can be revoked	
	Nevocable.		
	% = These Fields may not be changed after the form is added.		
		Add Cancel	

7. Click the Add button.

Form Categories

After you create a form, you can edit the form an assign it a category. Categories may be created usin**&dmin Tools > Form** Category Setup.

Note: If categories are not enabled for your site, contact support to turn them on. You can then give an admin access to them in **Maintain Users**. To enable that menu item, after Categories have been enabled

- Open Admin Tools -> System Setup (Supplemental)
- Click Main Menu Setup
- In the search box under Page Title enter Category
- Click Show Maintain Users on for Form Category Setup

Any Forms that are not assigned to a category will be placed in a category labeled MISC. If all form in a section, like Unscheduled, are assigned to a category, the MISC category will no longer appear.

Add Fields to a Form

After adding your Form to the system, you will need to add Fields to the Form.

1. In the Form Builder, use the Select Form drop-down and select a Form.

	FORM	BUILDER	
SELECT FORM:	-Select A Form		~
	Add New Form	Main Menu	

2. At the bottom of the page, click the Add New Field button. The User Defined Forms page is displayed.



	USER DEFINED FORMS -
ADD A NEW FIELD TO THE FORM TESTFORM	
Field Name :	(Field name for display purposes)
	(reachance for display purposes)
Internal Notes Only:	
Alias Field Name:	(This field is used for reference only. Anything written here will not be seen by users or clients.) Select an Alias Alias Add New Alias
Prompt:	(Use this field to give directions to the clinician)
Print Prompt:	(Show prompt when printing form)
Туре:	Select A Type
Location:	4 🗸
Required:	
Show for Medicare Only: Show for Medicare Replacement:	
Reference Previous Iteration:	
Fill From Previous Iteration:	
Show Most Recent Reference Only: Disable Print:	
FIELD REFERENCES	
Select Form / Note	Field Fill Field Type

- 3. In the Field Name field, enter a name for the field. This is what the user or client sees on the Form.
- 4. (Optional) In the Internal Notes Only box, enter internal notes about the field. This information is not displayed for users or clients.
- 5. (Optional) Click the Add New Alias button, enter an alias, and then click theAdd This Alias button to create and apply an alias for the field. This Alias Field Name should not contain spaces or special characters.

Note: The Alias is a unique identifying name for the field. For example, if there were multiple fields in the Form called "Comments", you would want to add an alias to differentiate them from one another based on what they should be used for, such as CommentsHealth, CommentsPsychoSocial, etc.

- 6. (Optional) In the **Prompt** field, enter the text that will be displayed in italics next to the field/question to give directions to the user/client.
- 7. (Optional) Select the **Print Prompt** checkbox if you'd like for the field prompt to be displayed when printing the Form.
- 8. Click the **Type** drop-down and select the type of field you'd like to add, such as text, drop-down, date, etc.

Note: Selecting a Field Type may change the options that are displayed on this page below the Type drop-down.

- 9. Click the Location drop-down and select the order in which you want the field to be displayed on the Form.
- 10. (Optional) Select the **Required** checkbox to make this field required. Marking a field as required means that you will **not** be able to seal the Form until the field is completed.
- 11. (Optional) Select the Disable Print checkbox if you don't want this field displayed when this Form is printed.
- 12. Complete any other fields as necessary depending on the type of field you've selected to add to the Form.
- 13. (Optional) Add a Field Reference, if you want this field to pull a data point from one Form to another. There are two types of Field References, above-box referencing and autofill referencing:
 - Above-box Referencing: The data is displayed as blue text above the entry box for the question/field you are viewing. This is useful if you want to know what has been entered as data before but don't want it displayed in the field itself.
 - a. Click the Form or Note and Field drop-downs and select the Form or Note and Field you want to reference.
 - b. Click the ${\bf Add}\ {\bf this}\ {\bf Field}\ {\bf R} {\bf e} {\bf ference}\ {\bf b} {\bf u} {\bf to}.$
 - Autofill Referencing: The data is displayed directly in the field.
 - a. Click the Form or Note or Field drop-downs and select the Form or Note and Field you want to reference.
 - b. Select the Fill Field checkbox.

FIELD REFERENCES				
Select	Form / Note	Field	Fill Field	Туре
			No References At This Time	
			Add New Field Reference	
Form:	Select A Form		✓ ☐ Fill Field	
Note:	Select A Note		~	
Field:	Select A Field		~	
		Add This Field Reference	Cancel	



c. Click the Add This Field Reference button.

Note: Selecting a Field Type may change the options that are displayed on this page below the Type drop-down.

14. Click the Add This Field button.

Attach Programs and Locations to a Form

Forms are only visible to a Clinician if the client they are treating is in both the Program and Location of a given Form.

- 1. Navigate to the Form Builder: Main Menu > Admin Tools Menu > Form Builder
- 2. Click the Select a Form drop-down and select a Form.
- 3. At the bottom of the page, click the Edit This Form button.
- 4. Attach the Form to a Program (with the exception of Pre-Admit/Intake Forms).
 - a. At the bottom of the page, click the Programs using this Form button.
 - b. Select the Program(s) you want the Form attached to.

ORM NAME: CLINICAL ASSESSMENT	
PROGRAMS:	
This form is linked to tl Remove	he following program(s), check the program(s) you want removed: Program Name Outpatient SA Adolescent (This Program is NOT in use - If this is the only Program linked to this form, it will NOT be visible) Child (This Program is NOT in use - If this is the only Program linked to this form, it will NOT be visible) Medication Management
Outpatient MH	ograms from the list below.

- c. Click the Save Changes button.
- 5. Attach the Form to a Location.
 - a. At the bottom of the page, click the Locations using this Form button.
 - b. Select the Location(s) you want the Form attached to.
 - c. Click the Save Changes button.

