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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	<p>This version was released in <i>HLT Health Training Package release 3.0</i> and meets the requirements of the 2012 Standards for Training Packages.</p> <p>Significant changes to the elements and performance criteria. New evidence requirements for assessment, including volume and frequency requirements. Minimal change to knowledge evidence.</p> <p>Supersedes HLTEN607B</p>

Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to practise within the critical care environment.

Enrolled nurses working in critical care nursing need to hold and apply in-depth knowledge, effectively integrate theory and practice, and make reliable clinical assessments and judgements.

This unit applies to enrolled nurses, registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia, seeking specialisation in enrolled nurse work that is carried out in consultation and collaboration with registered nurses, and under direct or indirect supervisory arrangements aligned to the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia regulatory authority legislative requirements.

The skills in this unit must be applied in accordance with Commonwealth and State/Territory legislation, Australian/New Zealand standards and industry codes of practice.

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENT

Elements define the essential outcomes of a unit of competency.

1. Apply theoretical concepts and principles in providing critical care nursing

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

The Performance Criteria specify the level of performance required to demonstrate achievement of the Element.

1.1 Identify the person's current health status and limitations and their medications and therapeutic regimes in the critical care setting with the person, family or carer

1.2 Identify factors impacting the person's health status

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2. Contribute to interdisciplinary health care team in caring for a person in the critical care environment

3. Perform complex nursing interventions to assist a person in critical care to attain and maintain optimal health

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and report to the registered nurse significant alterations in the person's health status

1.3 Identify and respond to the psychosocial needs of the person in the critical care environment

1.4 Identify and apply a systems approach to nursing care

2.1 Identify role of specialist nursing and medical services in care of the person in the critical care environment and work effectively with others

2.2 Collaborate with interdisciplinary health care team in partnership with the person, family or carer to maintain continuity of nursing care planning

2.3 Identify factors relevant to the person's situation, giving consideration to physical, psychological, social and economic impacts

2.4 Review care plan and data collected, and communicate to relevant members of the interdisciplinary health care team

2.5 Recognise the person's choices and any advance care planning, and advocate for the rights and responsibilities of the person in critical care

3.1 Manage nursing workload according to a person's needs and re-prioritise care activities for the person rapidly when circumstances change

3.2 Undertake appropriate pre-, intra- and post-diagnostic procedures in line with scope of practice and organisation policy and procedures, and in collaboration with the registered nurse

3.3 Respond rapidly to adverse and emergency events applying knowledge of pathophysiology and using problem-solving approaches in line with organisation policy and procedures and within scope of practice

3.4 Identify when the acuity of a person's critical care needs is beyond own skill and knowledge, and refer promptly to registered nurse and relevant

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interdisciplinary health care team members

4. Develop own practice in the critical care nursing environment

4.1 Make appropriate proposals for nursing interventions in consultation with registered nurse to promote improved outcomes for the person and their condition

4.2 Evaluate nursing interventions provided and evaluate the outcomes against evidence-based best practice in critical care nursing

4.3 Recognise symptoms of stress and professional burnout in self, peers and colleagues, and refer to appropriate services within organisation policies and procedures and scope of practice

4.4 Seek out opportunities and participate in professional development, acquiring knowledge to guide own practice and acting as a resource for colleagues

Foundation Skills

The Foundation Skills describe those required skills (language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills) that are essential to performance.

Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Unit Mapping Information

No equivalent unit.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=ced1390f-48d9-4ab0-bd50-b015e5485705>