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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version was released in *HLT Health Training Package release 3.0* and meets the requirements of the 2012 Standards for Training Packages.
	Significant changes to the elements and performance criteria. New evidence requirements for assessment, including volume and frequency requirements. Minimal change to knowledge evidence.
	Supersedes HLTEN612B

Performance Evidence

The candidate must show evidence of the ability to complete tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit, manage tasks and manage contingencies in the context of the job role. There must be evidence that the candidate has:

- undertaken nursing work in accordance with Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia professional practice standards, codes and guidelines
- applied specialised clinical nursing skills for 3 people during anaesthesia, surgery and recovery in perioperative nursing environment, including:
    - preparing and positioning the person for a surgical procedure
    - performing intra-operative observations and supporting scrub nurse with monitoring materials
    - maintaining the person's airway before and after surgery
    - using oral suctioning techniques intra-operatively
    - collecting specimens for pathology.

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must be able to demonstrate essential knowledge required to effectively complete tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit, manage tasks and manage contingencies in the context of the work role. This includes knowledge of:

- Australian College of Operating Room Nurses (ACORN) Standards for Perioperative Nursing

- Australian Standards relating to hazards in the perioperative environment including electrical hazards, radiation hazards and sharps disposal
- complications of surgical procedures and their management, including how to provide emergency and first aid treatment
- complications associated with anaesthesia, including emergency treatment, infection control practices and organisation policies and procedures specific to perioperative environment
- legal and ethical considerations (national, State/Territory, local) relevant to the nursing profession and how these are applied in nursing practice
- policy statements, literature and guidelines from professional bodies associated with perioperative care and management, including ACORN
- medical terminology associated with perioperative care
- risk of falls post-surgery
- philosophical framework for perioperative nursing
- anaesthetic pharmacology
- positioning of a person for specific surgical procedures, including potential for post-operative pressure injury from incorrect position during surgery
- use of complex technologies including:
  - anaesthetic machines
  - lasers
  - cavitron ultrasonic surgical aspirator (CUSA)
  - endoscopic equipment
- actual and potential problems relating to perioperative care including:
  - electrolyte imbalance
  - fluid overload
  - reduced carbon dioxide
  - hypoxia/hypoxaemia
  - sepsis
  - haemorrhage
  - neurovascular damage
  - cerebral vascular accident
  - arrhythmia.

Assessment Conditions

Skills must have been demonstrated in the workplace or in a simulated environment that reflects workplace conditions. The following conditions must be met for this unit:

- use of suitable facilities, equipment and resources in line with the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council's Standards
- modelling of industry operating conditions including access to real people for simulations and scenarios in enrolled nursing work.

Assessors must satisfy the Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) 2015/AQTF mandatory competency requirements for assessors.

In addition, assessors must hold current registration as a registered nurse with Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet - https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=ced1390f-48d9-4ab0-bd50-b015e5485705