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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 5.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to develop an equine rehabilitation or exercise program to implement and to support a client (owner/carer) to implement.

The unit applies to practitioners who provide massage or associated therapies as part of an allied health service for horses and other equines. They work autonomously and apply in-depth, technical knowledge and skills to provide and communicate solutions for predictable and unpredictable problems within their scope of professional practice.

Commonwealth and state/territory health and safety and animal welfare legislation, regulations and codes of practice relevant to interacting with horses apply to workers in this industry. Requirements vary between industry sectors and jurisdictions.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Equine (EQU)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Assess client requirements and scope	1.1 Assess client goals, expectations and preferences using suitable questioning techniques

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of horse needs	1.2 Use appropriate technique to assess horse condition 1.3 Develop and document an overview of horse for planning and re-evaluation purposes 1.4 Identify potential barriers to achieving client goals and expectations 1.5 Refer client to registered veterinarian or equine allied health professional, for services outside of scope of practice 1.6 Actively involve client in planning process, providing opportunities for questions and discussion of concerns
2. Develop rehabilitation program	2.1 Analyse and evaluate variety of rehabilitation methods and variables, including intensity, volume, frequency, load, repetitions and rest intervals 2.2 Determine rehabilitation method and equipment required to achieve goals 2.3 Develop equine specific strategies to overcome identified issues and enhance program success 2.4 Seek guidance from a registered veterinarian or equine allied health professional, as required 2.5 Document agreed plan of action and services to be provided 2.6 Clearly explain details of options and cost implications to client 2.7 Select techniques to evaluate the program
3. Conduct equine rehabilitation activities	3.1 Establish a safe environment, assemble equipment and resources and conduct safety and risk assessments 3.2 Conduct planned rehabilitation activities 3.3 Monitor horse to identify signs of discomfort, pain or fatigue and modify activities as required 3.4 Monitor activities for intensity, technique and safety, and modify activities, as required 3.5 Seek ongoing guidance from, or refer to, a registered veterinarian or an equine allied health professional as appropriate 3.6 Maintain and monitor records of progress, relevant to established goals and program plan
4. Work collaboratively with client to implement	4.1 Establish realistic expectations with client

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equine rehabilitation program	4.2 Explain rehabilitation activities for client to implement 4.3 Provide clear and accurate instruction and demonstration of activities with use of equipment, and confirm client understanding 4.4 Provide support for duration of rehabilitation program 4.5 Reassess horse at agreed intervals, and adapt rehabilitation program to meet changing needs 4.6 Educate client to maintain and monitor records of progress, relevant to established goals and program plan
5. Evaluate program	5.1 Evaluate rehabilitation program at appropriate intervals 5.2 Measure progress using re-evaluation fitness and/or functional testing procedures 5.3 Request and respond to feedback from client 5.4 Identify rehabilitation program components needing emphasis, attention or modification 5.5 Maintain records of evaluation and modification of program

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.

Skill	Description
Reading	Interpret information in technical texts relating to equine anatomy and physiology
Writing	- Use objective language and current industry terminology in written records - Complete workplace documentation using print-based and/or digital formats
Oral communication	Use questioning and active listening to elicit and convey information appropriate for audience
Numeracy	Collate and interpret data relating to intensity, volume, frequency, load, repetitions and time intervals

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMEUQ511 Develop and implement an equine rehabilitation program	Not applicable	Created to address a skill or task required by industry that is not covered by an existing unit	Newly created

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: -
<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103>