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Modification History

Not applicable.

Performance Evidence

Evidence of the ability to complete tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit in the context of the job role, and:

- support the use of orthoses or prostheses as delegated by the Orthotist or Prosthetist, for three people with different requirements, encompassing one in simulation and two in the workplace
- instruct three people with different requirements, encompassing one in simulation and two in the workplace, in the safe use, transportation and maintenance of orthoses or prostheses
- perform the activities outlined in the performance criteria of this unit during a period of at least 120 hours of allied health assistance work. At least 60% of this work must be carried out in an allied health workplace. The remaining 40% may be carried out in a simulated environment, if an allied health workplace is unavailable.

Knowledge Evidence

Demonstrate the knowledge required to complete the tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit:

- procedures for escalation of risks
- allied health core competencies:
 - person-centred care
 - individual therapy
 - group therapy
 - communication of information with persons who use orthoses and prostheses
 - technology and environment
- communication needs of persons with congenital, developmental, acquired and progressive disabilities
- TGA regulatory requirements including:
 - identifying the manufacturer of a medical device
 - how and why it is important to work within a manufacturer specifications and intended purpose of the device
 - when and how to liaise with appropriate Orthotist or Prosthetist when there is a breach of manufacturer specifications and intended purpose of the device
- how to evaluate the environment of a persons who uses orthoses or prostheses, and the importance and methods of making the environment safe for use of an orthosis or prosthesis

- how to assemble, adjust and test orthoses or prostheses within scope of practice for an Allied Health Assistant
- the principles of movement, mobility and posture management including an understanding of balance and gait
- the range, associated systems and purpose of orthoses and prostheses
- the psychological effects of disability due to injury or disease and strategies used to cope
- the signs of adverse reaction to different orthotic or prosthetic services
- factors that facilitate an effective and collaborative working relationship
- organisational policies and procedures in relation to:
 - confidentiality:
 - privacy
 - disclosure
 - documentation:
 - reporting
 - recording patient data
 - written communication to Allied Health Professionals
 - duty of care
 - professional behaviour, presentation, language and terminology
 - infection control practices as it relates to supply and use of orthoses and prostheses
 - work health and safety (WHS)
 - manual handling
 - supervisory requirements and delegation
 - instructing people
 - informed consent
 - work role boundaries – responsibilities and limitations including other allied health team members and nursing, medical and other personnel
 - Scope of practice of the Allied Health Assistant and Orthotist or Prosthetist
- principles of empowering the older person
- principles of empowering people living with disability or serious mental illness
- changes related to ageing
- concepts of holistic health and wellbeing
- social determinants of health
- concepts of the medical model, the biopsychosocial models and the human rights-based approach of allied health interventions
- principles of choice and control
- concept of reablement
- allied health settings:
 - hospital
 - community health
 - mental health
 - disability sector

- aged care sectors.

Assessment Conditions

Skills may be demonstrated in the workplace, or in a simulated environment, as per the conditions outlined in the performance evidence.

Assessment must ensure:

- access to suitable facilities, equipment and resources that reflect real working conditions and model industry operating conditions and contingencies
- access to individualised plans and any relevant technology outlined in the plan
- access to organisational policies and procedures
- access to manufacturer instructions
- access to a range of orthoses and prostheses
- opportunities for engagement with real people accessing allied health services.

Assessors must satisfy the Standards for Registered Training Organisations requirements for assessors, and:

- be a Certificate IV qualified Allied Health Assistant with a minimum of three years of professional experience in allied health services; or
- a registered Allied Health Professional or Orthotist or Prosthetist.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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