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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:

- work in accordance with professional codes of practice, standards and guidelines as part of the multidisciplinary health care team in a rural and remote workplace setting, to provide interventions for at least three people as delegated by the Allied Health Professional
- interventions for each of the above three people must include:
  - allied health activities under distant supervision - remote service delivery
  - telehealth consultations for delegated allied health activities
  - communications between the Allied Health Professional and the person including via:
    - phone
    - video conferencing
- 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

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

- allied health core competencies:
  - person-centred care
  - individual therapy
  - group therapy
  - communication of information
  - equipment and environment
- codes of conduct for health practitioners
- organisational policies and procedures in relation to:
  - confidentiality:
    - privacy
    - disclosure
  - duty of care

- documentation:
  - reporting
  - recording data
  - written communication to Allied Health Professional
- professional behaviour and presentation
- infection control practices
- work health and safety (WHS)
- manual handling
- supervision and delegation
- contingency plans to deal with situations when delegating Allied Health Professional is unavailable
- changing demands for services in rural and remote communities in Australia
- current economic, political and socio-economic factors impacting rural and remote health care including:
  - funding arrangements including federal, State/ Territories and local government that impact availability of health services and health programs
  - expansion of scope of practice for the allied health professions
  - shortage in health workforce
  - ageing population
  - prevalence of chronic disease
  - social disadvantage
  - social determinants
- organisations in rural and remote areas and models of healthcare provided including:
  - Consumer Directed Care (CDC)
  - mobile health service
  - Person-Centred Care (PCC)
  - Primary Health Care (PHC)
  - tertiary level care - community or regional hospital
  - advance care planning
- team practice models used in rural and remote contexts:
  - team 'shared care' approach
  - total person care or person focused care
- remote considerations in the provision of care including:
  - how and when to access emergency response services
  - communication systems, equipment and methods available in remote situations
  - ways in which the care approach may be adjusted in the rural and remote context
  - availability of other community and support networks that provide interim support
  - social isolation and the scope of role of the Allied Health Assistant to foster personal relations as support network
  - importance of establishing local networks and reputation to support the delivery of care

- confidentiality and professional boundaries
- emerging health technologies, their features and how they are used and accessed:
  - Telehealth services
  - mobile health services
  - hospital in the home services
- types of participants in a rural and remote multidisciplinary health care team and their roles
- organisational processes and how they may be adapted and used in rural and remote context
- community-based health services, public health services, social health care programs and health promotion programs
- local and community culture including culturally appropriate healthcare delivery
- types and benefits of communication equipment
- 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
- facilitation of advanced care planning
- 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 equipment outlined in the plan
- access to organisational policies and procedures
- opportunities for engagement with real people accessing allied health services in rural health work.

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.

## **Links**

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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