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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	<p>This version was released in <i>HLT Health Training Package release 1.0</i> and meets the requirements of the New Standards for Training Packages.</p> <p>Significant changes to elements and performance criteria. New evidence requirements for assessment, including volume and environment requirements</p>

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:

- assessed the social and emotional wellbeing of at least five clients by:
 - observing, noting and recognising unusual physical, behavioural and body language indicators
 - communicating effectively with client (and significant others) in a culturally safe manner on all occasions
 - discussing with each client their socio-emotional health status, issues and needs
 - maintaining client records and upholding client confidentiality
 - recording accurate, sufficiently comprehensive and relevant client health history and assessment findings for each client
 - distinguishing between effects of transgenerational trauma and grief and psychiatric illnesses
 - consulting team members regarding assessment findings and as otherwise required to support client wellbeing
- supported the social and emotional wellbeing of at least five clients by:
 - initiating timely and appropriate referrals, providing accurate and relevant details to clients, their families and referral agencies
 - explaining/demonstrating/instructing client to use appropriate stress reducing techniques/activities
- Organised and participated in at least one debriefing session following critical incidents or stressful interactions.

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must be able to demonstrate essential knowledge required to effectively do the task outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit, manage the task and manage contingencies in the context of the identified work role.

This includes knowledge of:

- organisational policies and procedures and legislation or regulations relating to:
- client confidentiality
- referral, including various levels of urgency, and follow-up of client
 - mandatory reporting
- notifiable communicable diseases
- limits of own ability and authority
- reporting procedures
- documentation
- key elements of history-taking in the context of social and emotional health and their significance
- significant problems presented and appropriate avenues of further assessment or action
- common signs/indicators of:
 - mental or psychiatric illness
 - depression
 - alcohol and other drug misuse
 - suicide risk
 - child abuse/sexual assault
- advanced communication techniques to develop trust and elicit sensitive information
- appropriate stress-reducing techniques/activities
- availability of and, referral criteria and processes for social and emotional, alcohol and other drugs and mental health support services
- awareness of culturally secure assessment tools for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- principles of crisis intervention
- limits of own ability and authority.

Assessment Conditions

Skills must be demonstrated working:

- in a health service or centre
- as part of a multidisciplinary primary health care team
- with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander clients and communities.

In addition, simulations and scenarios must be used where the full range of contexts and situations cannot be provided in the workplace or may occur only rarely. These are situations relating to emergency or unplanned procedures where assessment in these circumstances would be unsafe or is impractical.

Simulated assessment environments must simulate the real-life working environment where these skills and knowledge would be performed, with all the relevant equipment and resources of that working environment.

Assessors must satisfy the NVR/AQTF mandatory competency requirements for assessors.

Assessment must be undertaken by a workplace assessor who has expertise in this unit of competency and who is:

- an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Health Worker

or:

- accompanied by an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person who is a recognised member of the community with experience in primary health care.

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