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**Assessment Requirements for HLTARO004
Provide therapeutic aromatherapy
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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	<p>This version was released in <i>HLT Health Training Package release 2.0</i> and meets the requirements of the 2012 Standards for Training Packages.</p> <p>Significant changes to the elements and performance criteria. New evidence requirements for assessment, including volume and frequency requirements. Significant change to knowledge evidence. Minimum clinic hours added. Additional assessor 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:

- performed the activities outlined in the performance criteria of this unit during a period of at least 120 hours of aromatherapy client consultation work
- prepared for and managed at least 60 aromatherapy treatment sessions. Clients must include males and females from different stages of life with varied presentations
- provided each of the following therapeutic treatments during the client consultation sessions according to client needs and aromatherapy principles and procedures:
 - compresses
 - poultices
 - mists/spritzes
 - dermal applications
 - vapourisation/inhalation
 - frictions

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:

- legal and ethical considerations (national and state/territory) for treatment provision:

- codes of conduct
- duty of care
- informed consent
- mandatory reporting
- practitioner/client boundaries
- privacy, confidentiality and disclosure
- records management
- work role boundaries
 - working within scope of practice
 - presenting symptoms that require referral to a medical practitioner
- work health and safety
- aromatherapy treatment techniques and how to apply them, including what each technique does, what effects it might have and what the cautions and contraindications are – for the following:
 - compresses
 - poultices
 - mists/spritzes
 - dermal applications
 - vapourisation/inhalation
 - hydrotherapy – foot/hand bath, sitz, bath/spa, shower to prepare for homecare
 - frictions
- potential reactions during treatment and how to respond:
 - discomfort
 - emotional reactions
 - feedback - verbal, tactile, visual
 - muscular spasms
 - body temperature discomfort
 - deep relaxation
- potential reactions following treatment and appropriate client advice to provide
- types of advice and resources that can be provided to clients for their use outside the clinical environment
- documentation requirements for recording treatment details

Assessment Conditions

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

- use of suitable facilities, equipment and resources, including:
 - client information – case history, treatment plan
 - private consultation area
 - towels/sheets for draping

- essential oils
- compresses
- poultices
- mists/spritzes
- dermal applications
- vapourisation/inhalation equipment
- modelling of industry operating conditions, including provision of services to the general public
- clinic supervision by a person who meets the assessor requirements outlined below for at least 80 of the 120 hours of client consultation work

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

In addition, assessors must:

- have at least 3 years current experience working as a clinical aromatherapist providing services to the general public
- hold practising membership of an Australian professional body that represents clinical aromatherapists
- fulfil the continuing professional development requirements of the professional body to which they belong

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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