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Modification History

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Release 2	Release 2 HLTENN064 Apply nursing practice in the rural and remote setting supersedes and is equivalent to Release 1 HLTENN064 Apply nursing practice in the rural and remote setting. Updated: Mapping details and minor corrections.
Release 1	HLTENN064 Apply nursing practice in the rural and remote setting supersedes and is equivalent to HLTENN032 Apply nursing practice in the rural and remote setting.

Application

This unit describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to adapt nursing practice to the unique working conditions in rural and remote environments that are impacted by isolation and distance with restricted access to specialist health practitioners and services.

Enrolled nurses work as part of a multidisciplinary health care team across a wide range of care levels and settings and emergency care services.

This unit applies to enrolled nurses, registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA), seeking specialisation in enrolled nurse work that is carried out in consultation and collaboration with registered nurses, and under direct or indirect supervisory arrangements aligned to the NMBA regulatory authority legislative requirements.

The skills in this unit must be applied in accordance with Commonwealth and State/Territory legislation, Australian Standards and industry codes of practice.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Competency Field

Enrolled Nursing

Unit Sector

Nursing

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS

Elements describe the essential outcomes

1. Establish impact of rural and remote context on nursing practice.
2. Adjust assessment and care practices to rural and remote context.
3. Contribute to improved outcomes in rural and remote communities.

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.

- 1.1. Establish systemic impacts of location on health care services as a context for work.
- 1.2. Identify individual situations where time, distance and environmental issues affect care.
- 1.3. Gather, review and analyse information to identify gaps, benefits and limitations of health care service options and capacity for effective response.
- 1.4. Engage with the community health care network to determine interrelationships and opportunities for collaborative work practice.
- 2.1. Prioritise and coordinate work team responsibilities in the context of location being beyond the timely reach of specialist medical assistance.
- 2.2. Adjust assessment tools and techniques within the constraints of environmental impacts on care and availability of resources in accordance with organisational policies and procedures.
- 2.3. Address concerns with registered nurse related to stabilisation and transport of a person and requirements for further assessment and management.
- 2.4. Evaluate options for transporting a person and waiting for medical assistance in relation to environmental issues, risks, transport availability and the person's condition.
- 2.5. Re-prioritise nursing care activities rapidly in changing circumstances.
- 2.6. Use emerging health technologies to provide specialist health care services.
- 2.7. Apply efficient, sustainable, flexible and responsive collaborative nursing practice models to rapidly changing needs of health care.
- 3.1. Review own practice and professional isolation in the work environment and identify opportunities for professional development.
- 3.2. Use professional and community collaboration and

networking to inform practice improvements.

- 3.3. Act as a resource for colleagues and other health professionals providing mentoring and coaching within authorised scope of practice.
- 3.4. Participate in organisational processes for continuous improvement of health care service delivery using own practice experience to inform contributions.
- 3.5. Seek and use community feedback on practice and service delivery.
- 3.6. Identify and take opportunities to empower community members to seek health care and participate in health promotion and illness prevention initiatives.
- 3.7. Provide community health education to target areas of risk and concern and address chronic disease risk factors and illness prevention using culturally accepted modes of communication.

Foundation Skills

Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Unit Mapping Information

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Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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