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Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to provide support and assistance to people going through the process of withdrawing from alcohol, tobacco or other drugs, including combinations of these.

This unit applies to those working with clients going through alcohol and other drugs (AOD) withdrawal in residential or non-residential settings following established withdrawal guidelines.

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

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENT

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Elements define the essential outcomes

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

1. Check client needs

- 1.1 Review client information and conduct initial withdrawal assessment with the client using an appropriate withdrawal tool according to organisation protocols
- 1.2 Collaborate with other services as indicated by client needs
- 1.3 Report behaviour or physical status inconsistent with alcohol and/or drug use to the appropriate person and/or

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1.4 Identify and respond to the need for medical or emergency assistance as appropriate within scope of own role

1.5 Evaluate client against organisation mission criteria and determine if they have been referred appropriately

1.6 Where referral is not appropriate, support client to access other available services

2. Support management of withdrawal

2.1 Determine most appropriate withdrawal modality based on client needs

2.2 Provide an appropriate environment within which alcohol and/or drug/s withdrawal is to take place

2.3 Monitor client's physical and psychological state regularly to ensure health and safety according to organisation guidelines

2.4 Provide client with support services within scope of own role

2.5 Identify signs of any concurrent illness and refer appropriately

2.6 Document services provided to client and consult with appropriate persons

3. Evaluate client withdrawal

3.1 Evaluate and discuss outcomes with client and appropriate persons in the organisation

3.2 Discuss relapse and preventative planning measures with client

3.3 Assist client to link with relevant post withdrawal services

3.4 Document outcome of client drug withdrawal

Foundation Skills

The Foundation Skills describe those required skills (language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills) that are essential to performance.

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

Unit Mapping Information

No equivalent unit.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=5e0c25cc-3d9d-4b43-80d3-bd22cc4f1e53>

Assessment Requirements for CHCAOD005 Provide alcohol and other drugs withdrawal services

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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 demonstrated evidence that the candidate has:

- provided withdrawal services according to organisation protocols to 2 clients presenting with different needs

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 work role. This includes knowledge of:

- legal and ethical considerations (international, national, state/territory, local) in AOD work, and how these are applied in organisations and individual practice:
 - children in the workplace
 - codes of conduct
 - codes of practice
 - discrimination/eligibility
 - dignity of risk
 - duty of care
 - human rights
 - informed consent
 - mandatory reporting
 - practice standards

- privacy, confidentiality and disclosure, including limitations
- policy frameworks
- records management
- rights and responsibilities of workers, employers and clients
- specific AOD legislation
- work role boundaries – responsibilities and limitations
- work health and safety
- organisation protocols for the assessment, monitoring and evaluation of:
 - home-based withdrawal
 - residential withdrawal and any restrictions on clients
 - outpatient withdrawal
- stages of AOD withdrawal and specific signs and symptoms
- responses to the stages of withdrawal
- concurrent medical illnesses which may mimic/mask withdrawal
- support agencies in the AOD sector and the services they provide, including post withdrawal services
- current information on alcohol and other drugs issues relevant to withdrawal, including relapse prevention and planning

Assessment Conditions

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

- use of suitable facilities, equipment and resources, including:
 - client information
 - withdrawal assessment tools
 - organisation policies and procedures
- modelling of industry operating conditions, including:
 - involvement of people with whom the candidate can interact
 - scenarios that cater to a range of settings, including crisis situations

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

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