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HLT47715 Certificate IV in Medical Practice Assisting

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Modification History

Release	Comments
5	Minor change to replace superseded units of competency in the elective bank.
4	Supersedes and is equivalent to HLT47715 Certificate IV in Medical Practice Assisting release 3. Minor change to update Infection Control unit of competency.
3	Supersedes and is equivalent to HLT47715 Certificate IV in Medical Practice Assisting release 2. Minor change to update Infection Control unit of competency.
2	Supersedes and is equivalent to HLT47715 Certificate IV in Medical Practice Assisting release 1. Minor change to update First Aid units of competency.
1	This qualification was first released in HLT Health Release 2.0.

Qualification Description

This qualification reflects the role of medical practice assistants whose work includes a broad range of administrative functions combined with tasks to support medical practitioners in the delivery of care to clients. These tasks are completed under the direct or indirect supervision of a medical practitioner.

A medical practice assistant may work under the supervision of a health care professional other than a medical practitioner, but this should only occur where:

- the health care professional is in the same practice as the medical practitioner and
- the medical practitioner has agreed to the other health care professional providing the supervision.

A registered nurse must accept or refuse responsibility for supervision of an activity of a medical practice assistant, according to the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) *Decision-making framework*. An enrolled nurse cannot provide supervision.

Licensing/Regulatory Information

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

Entry Requirements

This qualification has no entry requirements.

Packaging Rules

Total number of units = 23

- 19 core units
- 4 elective units, consisting of:
 - at least 2 units from the electives listed below
 - up to 2 units from the electives listed below, any endorsed Training Package or accredited course – these units must be relevant to the work outcome.

All electives chosen must contribute to a valid, industry-supported vocational outcome.

Core units	
CHCCOM005	Communicate and work in health or community services
CHCDIV001	Work with diverse people
CHCLEG001	Work legally and ethically
HLTAAP002	Confirm physical health status
HLTAID011	Provide first aid
HLTAID016	Manage first aid services and resources
HLTCAR001	Perform electrocardiography (ECG)
HLTHPS001	Take clinical measurements

HLTHPS00 2	Support health professional in the delivery of care
HLTHPS00 3	Maintain medication stocks
HLTHPS00 5	Handle medical specimens
HLTINF002	Process reusable medical devices and equipment
HLTINF006	Apply basic principles and practices of infection prevention and control
HLTWHS0 03	Maintain work health and safety
BSBADM3 07	Organise schedules
BSBINM40 1	Implement workplace information system
BSBMED3 01	Interpret and apply medical terminology appropriately
BSBMED3 02	Prepare and process medical accounts
BSBMED3 03	Maintain patient records
Elective units	
CHCCCS02 0	Respond effectively to behaviours of concern
CHCPRP00 3	Reflect on and improve own professional practice
HLTADM0 08	Administer and coordinate Telehealth services
HLTADM0 09	Manage Telehealth technology
HLTADM0 10	Facilitate a coordinated approach to client care

HLTAID01 4	Provide advanced first aid
HLTPAT00 8	Identify and respond to clinical risks in pathology collection
HLTPAT00 9	Collect pathology specimens other than blood
<i>HLTPAT01 4</i>	<i>Perform venous blood collections</i>
BSBFIN302	Maintain financial records
BSBINS202	Handle receipt and dispatch of information
BSBMED4 01	Manage patient recordkeeping system
BSBOPS30 4	Deliver and monitor a service to customers
BSBOPS50 3	Develop administrative systems
BSBSTR30 1	Contribute to continuous improvement
BSBTEC30 1	Design and produce business documents

Units listed in italics include a mandatory workplace requirement

Pre-requisite Requirements

There are no prerequisite requirements for this qualification.

Qualification Mapping Information

Current Code and Title	Previous Code and Title	Comments	Equivalence
HLT47715 Certificate IV in Medical Practice Assisting	HLT43312 Certificate IV in Medical Practice Assisting	This version was released in HLT Health Training Package release 2.0 and meets the requirements of the	Not-Equivalent

		2012 Standards for Training Packages. Change to packaging rules. Significant changes to core units.	
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Links

Companion volumes, including implementation guides, are found on the national training register - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=ced1390f-48d9-4ab0-bd50-b015e5485705>.