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# **Assessment Requirements for HLTAHA027 Assist with an allied health program**

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## Modification History

Not applicable.

## Performance Evidence

Evidence of the ability to complete tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit in the context of the job role, and:

- document and assist with five allied health activities as delegated by the Allied Health Professional, for people with different needs, and this must include:
  - at least two different individual therapy activities – in the workplace
  - at least one group therapy activity – in simulation
- perform the activities outlined in the performance criteria of this unit during a period of at least 120 hours of allied health assistance work. At least 60% of this work must be carried out in an allied health workplace. The remaining 40% may be carried out in a simulated environment, if an allied health workplace is unavailable.

## Knowledge Evidence

Demonstrate the knowledge required to complete the tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit:

- procedures for escalation of risks
- allied health core competencies:
  - person-centred care
  - individual therapy
  - group therapy
  - communication of information
  - equipment and environment
- key features and the role of the Allied Health Assistant in allied health disciplines
- terminology used by allied health care workers
- engagement with allied health services
- communication techniques including:
  - use of open-ended questions
  - active listening
  - asking for clarification and probing
  - responses to a range of views from the person, carers or others
  - understanding use of empathy with the person, carers or colleagues

- using discretion and confidentiality, respecting individual differences especially when using touch and other non-verbal means of communication
- use of interpreters
- scope of role of the Allied Health Assistant and Allied Health Professional
- therapy tasks, treatment plans and programs associated with particular populations
- the person's readiness for therapy and whether there are changes that might affect the prescribed therapy
- common allied health equipment and resources and their use
- organisational policies and procedures in relation to:
  - confidentiality
  - documentation:
    - reporting
    - recording data
    - written communication to Allied Health Professional
  - professional behaviour and presentation
  - infection control practices
  - work health and safety (WHS)
  - manual handling
  - supervision and delegation
- manufacturer instructions for equipment usage
- difference in therapy approaches across Allied Health disciplines
- social and interpersonal behaviour
- principles of empowering the older person
- principles of empowering people living with disability or serious mental illness
- changes related to ageing
- concepts of holistic health and wellbeing
- social determinants of health
- concepts of the medical model, the biopsychosocial models and the human rights-based approach of allied health interventions
- principles of choice and control
- concept of reablement
- allied health settings:
  - hospital
  - community health
  - mental health
  - disability sector
  - aged care sectors.

## Assessment Conditions

Skills may be demonstrated in the workplace, or in a simulated environment, as per the conditions outlined in the performance evidence.

Assessment must ensure:

- access to suitable facilities, equipment and resources that reflect real working conditions and model industry operating conditions and contingencies
- access to manufacturer instructions
- access to individualised plans and any relevant equipment outlined in the plan
- access to organisational policies and procedures
- opportunities for engagement with real people accessing allied health services.

Assessors must satisfy the Standards for Registered Training Organisations requirements for assessors, and:

- be a Certificate IV qualified Allied Health Assistant with a minimum of three years of professional experience in allied health services; or
- a registered Allied Health Professional.

## Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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