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Assessment Requirements for HLTAHA030

Assist with basic foot care

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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:

- assist with basic foot care using podiatry equipment across private, community and bed-based settings to at least three people, one in a simulated environment and two in the workplace, this must include:
 - cutting and filing nails
 - electrical equipment, including an electric drill
 - identifying pathological nail and skin conditions
 - applying medicaments, including:
 - emollients
 - astringents
 - moisturisers
 - antiseptics
- apply padding and cushioning to at least 3 different conditions
- apply wound dressings to at least 3 different conditions, including:
 - simple wound
 - wound dressing for an iatrogenic wound
- 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:

- protocols for the escalation of risks
- allied health core competencies:
 - person-centred care
 - individual therapy
 - group therapy
 - communication of information

- equipment and environment
- treatment plans or foot care plan
- goals and limitations of podiatry intervention and variations in podiatry conditions
- basic anatomy and physiology of the foot, including medical terminology, structure and functioning of the skin and integuments, and basic understanding of foot pathology
- the function of medicaments:
 - emollients
 - astringents
 - moisturisers
 - antiseptics
- principles and protocols of:
 - aseptic technique
 - foot care
- organisational policy and procedures in relation to:
 - confidentiality:
 - privacy
 - disclosure
 - duty of care
 - 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
- scope of practice of the Allied Health Assistant and registered Podiatrist
- 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
- podiatry instruments, products and electrical equipment including:
 - wound dressings
 - padding and cushioning
 - medicaments
 - electric drill
- 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 Podiatrist.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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