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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 a minimum of seven different procedures, including:
 - minor surgical procedure assistance
 - basic screening
 - orthotic or footwear preparation and modification
- work safely and effectively with electrical equipment, machinery, hazardous and other materials including:
 - animal derived leathers
 - synthetics
 - solvents
 - adhesives
- 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

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

- podiatry procedures, including:
 - orthotic manufacture or modification
 - screening
 - minor podiatry surgical procedures
- conditions treated by a Podiatrist
- basic anatomy and physiology of the skin and nails relevant for the role
- structure and function of the skin and integuments
- common pathological conditions of the skin and nails
- disease processes relevant to the person group/s
- identification and purpose of podiatry surgical instruments
- basic biomechanics of the lower limb

- principles and guidelines of orthotic devices
- principles of footwear selection and fitting
- treatment plans, foot care or podiatry plans
- goals and limitations of podiatry intervention
- medical terminology in relation to podiatric procedures
- organisational policies and procedures relating to:
 - confidentiality:
 - privacy
 - disclosure
 - duty of care
 - documentation:
 - reporting
 - recording data
 - written communication to Podiatrist
 - professional behaviour and presentation
 - work health and safety (WHS)
 - manual handling
 - supervisory requirements and delegation
- NHMRC infection control guidelines
- scope of practice of the Allied Health Assistant and 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
- manufacturer instructions
- allied health settings:
 - hospital
 - community health
 - mental health
 - disability sector
 - aged care sectors
 - private practice.

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
- manufacturer instructions
- individualised plans and any relevant equipment outlined in the plan
- 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>