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Application

This unit describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to provide care to mother and newborn infant in postnatal, neonatal, child and family health care and paediatric health care settings.

This unit applies to enrolled nursing work carried out in consultation and collaboration with registered nurses and registered midwives and under supervisory arrangements aligned to the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) regulatory authority legislative requirements.

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

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Competency Field

Enrolled Nursing

Unit Sector

Enrolled Nursing

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS

Elements describe the essential outcomes

1. Work as part of the maternity health care team.

2. Support mother and newborn infant to meet identified goals.

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

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

- 1.1. Assist registered midwife by performing delegated aspects of care for mother and newborn infant.
- 1.2. Assist midwife to prepare mother to adopt safe practices in caring for newborn infant.
- 1.3. Record observations of mother and newborn infant and report abnormal observations to midwife.
- 1.4. Apply midwifery terms used during pregnancy and in postpartum care to contribute to care of newborn infant.
- 1.5. Document, report and escalate variances in care progress.
- 1.6. Provide delegated aspects of care for mother and newborn infant to support maternal and newborn infant health.
- 2.1. Evaluate progress of mother and newborn infant towards goals in plan of care.
- 2.2. Review and discuss unmet goals in plan of care.
- 2.3. Assist the midwife to meet care goals and to support mother to interact with newborn infant.
- 2.4. Assist midwife to educate mother on delegated aspects of newborn infant health and offer information about available support services.

Foundation Skills

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

Unit Mapping Information

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Assessment Requirements for HLTENN046 Contribute to maternal and infant health care

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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:

- provide maternity care for two mothers and their newborn infants in the workplace, in collaboration and consultation with midwife and multidisciplinary health care team involving:
 - umbilical cord care
 - preparation of feeding formulas
 - dressing newborn infant and changing newborn infant nappies
 - safe practice for bathing, holding, settling and positing newborn infant for sleeping
 - breastfeeding and care of mother's nipples

The tasks must be undertaken in accordance with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) professional practice standards, codes and guidelines.

Knowledge Evidence

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

- role of midwife in antenatal and postpartum care
- anatomy and physiology and associated terminology related to pregnancy, birth, postnatal period, lactation and care of newborn infant
- breastfeeding support

- World Health Organization (WHO) code for breastfeeding, development and establishment of breastfeeding and benefits of breast milk and breastfeeding
- primary health care approaches to care planning
- community support services for maternal and newborn infant care
- community support services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander maternal and newborn infant care including Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHO)
- common abnormalities of newborn infant
- common obstetric emergencies
- artificial formula use:
 - preparation volumes to be consumed according to age
 - methods for sterilisation of equipment
- process of grief associated with infant death and care of mother and family
- impact of cultural practices and beliefs in relation to birthing
- impact of cultural practices and beliefs in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities birthing
- interactions with newborn infant:
 - individual differences in newborn infant needs for rest and sleep and rest patterns
 - signs of stress, distress and pain in newborn infant
 - safe and unsafe practices for use with newborn infants
 - practices and routines used by families and underlying cultural and personal rationale
 - emotional, physical and language development of newborn infant
 - attachment theory
 - Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and safe sleeping techniques.
 - brain development in newborn infant
- newborn infant screening
- principles for recognising a deteriorating mother and newborn infant and raising issues of concern
- umbilical cord care
- role of Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives (CATSINaM)
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and principles of cultural safety.

Assessment Conditions

To be eligible to apply for registration as an enrolled nurse and to practice in Australia, each applicant must complete a Diploma of Nursing program accredited by the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC) and approved as ‘an approved program of study’ by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) in accordance with the Enrolled Nurse Accreditation Standards.

For more detail visit <https://www.ahpra.gov.au>.

Skills must be demonstrated in the workplace or in a simulated environment as specified in the performance evidence that model industry operating conditions including access to real people for simulations and scenarios in enrolled nursing work.

Assessors must satisfy the Standards for Registered Training Organisations' requirements for assessors.

Assessors must also hold current registration as a registered nurse with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA).

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