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Application

This unit describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to work in a primary health care environment including community-based, educational, occupational and informal settings, and in general practice.

Primary health care involves a person-centred and comprehensive approach to health care. It is made accessible to people by being located as close as possible to where they live and supporting their full participation in the spirit of self-reliance and self-determination.

This unit applies to enrolled nursing work carried out in consultation and collaboration with registered nurses 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 a multidisciplinary health care team in a primary health care environment.

2. Provide health education and health promotion for illness prevention.

3. Identify health presentation in the primary health care environment.

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

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

- 1.1. Apply principles of primary health care and work within the philosophical framework supporting the primary health care system.
- 1.2. Identify primary health care service model and roles and professional expertise of members of the multidisciplinary health care team.
- 1.3. Make decisions and initiate action based on results of clinical assessment in collaboration with members of the multidisciplinary health care team.
- 2.1. Identify health literacy issues that potentially inhibit the person's capacity to access, understand, evaluate and communicate information to ensure and improve their health.
- 2.2. Adopt strategies to support the person's capacity to gain and understand information.
- 2.3. Support the person to engage in illness prevention through health promotion programs.
- 2.4. Participate in health education programs and community groups.
- 3.1. Identify clinical manifestations of health conditions and their presentation on health status.
- 3.2. Apply requirements of primary health issues of communities and target groups to identify and prioritise the nursing plan of care.
- 3.3. Perform comprehensive primary health assessment to gather health records determining priorities and potential areas of risk during implementation of the primary health care plan.
- 3.4. Confirm information with members of the primary health care team.
- 3.5. Identify actual and potential environmental health issues and the impact on individuals and the community.

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| 4. Perform nursing interventions that support health care needs. | 4.1. Ensure nursing interventions reflect assessed care needs and individuality including cultural, religious, age, gender, physical, psychological and social needs. |
| | 4.2. Implement nursing interventions using respectful practices that support dignity and privacy. |
| | 4.3. Apply fundamentals to promote self-care. |
| | 4.4. Plan and adjust nursing interventions to meet optimal daily living activities. |
| | 4.5. Identify and prioritise nursing interventions according to the assessed care needs. |
| | 4.6. Initiate emergency treatment according to organisational policies and procedures. |
| 5. Evaluate outcomes of planned primary health care and promote resources. | 5.1. Monitor, evaluate and document response to nursing interventions, progress towards achieving planned primary health goals and report findings to multidisciplinary health care team. |
| | 5.2. Identify community and other resources to match needs and provide information on available resources and how to access them. |

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 HLTENN047 Apply nursing practice in the primary health care setting

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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:

- analyse health information and the clinical presentation of one person to reach a plan of care
- address the needs of one person using primary health care principles
- review and update a plan of care for one person to address primary health care needs

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 tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit:

- health challenges facing Australian communities including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
- environmental health issues facing Australian communities including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
- environmental health issues facing Australian communities
- philosophy underpinning primary health care

- philosophy underpinning Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHO)
- acute mental health episodes
- management of first aid and other emergency treatments specific to a community
- age specific health issues across the lifespan for infants, children, adolescents, adults and older people
- social determinants of health and wellness
- cultural determinants of health and wellness
- problem-solving strategies.
- evidence-based practice
- health including the illness continuum
- literature and professional bodies associated with primary health care management
- service delivery models:
 - preventative
 - curative
 - rehabilitative
- National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) requirements
- role of Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives (CATSINaM)
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and principles of cultural safety
- telehealth, health informatics and technology
- national immunisation programs:
 - immunisation schedule
 - catch up immunisation schedule
 - screening for all ages.

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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