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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 2	Release 2 HLTENN058 Apply nursing practice in the perioperative setting supersedes and is equivalent to Release 1 HLTENN058 Apply nursing practice in the perioperative setting. Updated: Mapping details and minor corrections.
Release 1	HLTENN058 Apply nursing practice in the perioperative setting supersedes and is equivalent to HLTENN026 Apply nursing practice in the perioperative setting.

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:

- apply specialised clinical nursing skills for three people during anaesthesia, surgery and recovery in perioperative nursing environment involving:
 - preparing and positioning the person for a surgical procedure
 - performing intra-operative observations and supporting scrub nurse with monitoring materials
 - maintaining airway before and after surgery
 - using oral suctioning techniques intra-operatively
 - collecting specimens for pathology

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:

- Australian College of Perioperative Nurses (ACORN) Standards for Perioperative Nursing in Australia

- legislation relating to hazards in the perioperative environment including electrical hazards, radiation hazards and sharps disposal
- national, State/Territory and local legal and ethical considerations relevant to the nursing profession and application to nursing practice
- policy statements, literature and guidelines from professional bodies associated with perioperative care and management including ACORN
- medical terminology associated with perioperative care
- philosophical framework for perioperative nursing
- anaesthetic pharmacology
- complications of surgical procedures and their management including emergency and first aid treatment
- complications associated with anaesthesia, including emergency treatment, infection control practices and organisational policies and procedures specific to perioperative environment
- positioning of a person for surgical procedures including potential for post operative pressure injury from incorrect position during surgery
- risk of falls post surgery
- use of complex technologies:
 - anaesthetic machines
 - lasers
 - cavitron ultrasonic surgical aspirator (CUSA)
 - endoscopic equipment
- actual and potential problems relating to perioperative care:
 - electrolyte imbalance
 - fluid overload
 - reduced carbon dioxide
 - hypoxia and hypoxaemia
 - sepsis
 - haemorrhage
 - neurovascular damage
 - cerebral vascular accident
 - arrhythmia.

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).

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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