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Application

This unit describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to provide person-centred care during anaesthesia, surgery and recovery in the perioperative nursing environment in operating theatres, post anaesthesia care units and day surgery centres.

Enrolled nurses working in perioperative nursing hold and apply specialised in-depth knowledge, integrate theory and practice, and make reliable clinical assessments and judgements.

This unit applies to enrolled nurses, registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA), seeking specialisation in enrolled nurse work that is carried out in consultation and collaboration with registered nurses, and under direct or indirect supervisory arrangements aligned to the 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 in the multidisciplinary health care team in the perioperative environment.

2. Contribute to preparation for surgical intervention.

3. Perform clinical nursing actions in the perioperative environment.

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

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

- 1.1. Work within enrolled nurse scope of practice to support nursing care team in managing care needs in the perioperative environment.
- 1.2. Contribute to effective teamwork and positive group dynamics of the multidisciplinary health care team.
- 1.3. Communicate professionally with members of the perioperative team.
- 1.4. Apply philosophical framework for managing perioperative care in own nursing practice.
- 2.1. Provide delegated elements of person-centred care considering physical, emotional, spiritual and cultural needs.
- 2.2. Apply contemporary perioperative clinical assessment tools and document physiological and psychological variables in assessment and report.
- 2.3. Work in accordance with perioperative standards, guidelines and policies.
- 3.1. Analyse and problem solve to prioritise and adapt nursing interventions to reflect changes in condition.
- 3.2. Perform nursing interventions to assist surgical team during surgical procedure.
- 3.3. Identify actual and potential manual handling and environmental hazards and take action to reduce risk and promote safety.
- 3.4. Check equipment relevant to practice requirements is operational and functionally fit for purpose, and take corrective action and report detected faulty equipment and environmental hazards.
- 3.5. Apply principles of infection control in the perioperative environment in line with standards and organisational policies and procedures.
- 3.6. Identify where the acuity of a person exceeds own knowledge, skill and assessed competence and refer to multidisciplinary health care team.

- 4. Promote improvement and advancement of perioperative nursing care.
 - 4.1. Evaluate nursing interventions and identified outcomes against evidence-based best practice in perioperative nursing.
 - 4.2. Seek opportunities and participate in professional development to guide own practice and act as a resource for colleagues.

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 HLTENN058 Apply nursing practice in the perioperative 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:

- 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).

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