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Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to prepare for and conduct authorised oral health screening tests within scope of work role to identify the need for referral to an oral health practitioner or for additional education or instruction in oral health care.

This unit applies to workers in a range of health and community service environments where authorised basic oral health screening is carried out.

The skills in this unit must be applied in accordance with Commonwealth and State/Territory legislation, Australian/New Zealand standards for maintaining infection control, and industry codes of practice.

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENT

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Elements define the essential outcomes

Performance criteria specify the level of performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element

1. Prepare for and participate in basic routine oral health screening services

1.1 Explain screening procedure and rationale to patient/s, check understanding and obtain consent from patient and/or carer to conduct screening

1.2 Prepare screening materials, instruments and tools

1.3 Take into account patient's ability to self-report and select most suitable tools and approach

1.4 Comply with directions of screening tool instructions, guidelines and/or training approved by the oral health sector

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1.5 Use screening tool to question patients about their oral health and take into account specific individual issues

1.6 Demonstrate an understanding of existing health conditions and impacts on oral health

2. Follow screening tool questioning, observation and recording requirements

2.1 Record and document observations about patient's oral health in appropriate format according to tool and organisation guidelines

2.2 Consult with other health personnel where necessary to confirm or clarify screening results, and record processes and outcomes

2.3 Interpret findings based on screening results and report results to health practitioner or oral health team

2.4 Document reporting processes, use information from patient and/or carer and own observations

3. Review screening process and referral outcomes

3.1 Address identified needs for oral health education and/or assessment in consultation with others and refer where necessary

3.2 Where appropriate, discuss with patients and other relevant stakeholders any issues or obstacles relating to referrals made

3.3 Where screening was unsuccessful report and follow up appropriately

3.4 Clarify screening effectiveness by obtaining feedback from patients and other relevant stakeholders and identify any issues in own use of screening tool/s

Foundation Skills

The Foundation Skills describe those required skills (language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills) that are essential to performance.

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

Unit Mapping Information

No equivalent unit.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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

Assessment Requirements for HLTOHC005 Use basic oral health screening tools

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Performance Evidence

The candidate must show evidence of the ability to complete tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit, manage tasks and manage contingencies in the context of the job role. There must be demonstrated evidence that the candidate has completed the following tasks at least once:

- communicated effectively with 5 patients to establish a relationship of trust to provide oral health information, including gaining patient's understanding of how the oral health screening tools are used
- used relevant endorsed oral health screening tool/s and techniques on 5 different patients, including:
 - interpreting and reporting results
 - documentation of findings
 - referral of patients as required

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must be able to demonstrate essential knowledge required to effectively complete tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit, manage tasks and manage contingencies in the context of the work role. This includes knowledge of:

- how to use the relevant endorsed oral health screening tool/s and techniques including:
 - preparation of screening tools
 - communication strategies to aid in screening instrument questioning
 - evaluation of tool effectiveness
 - follow-up on unsuccessful screening
- oral health screening instruments and ways to respond to the results, including:

- referral pathways and processes
- screening tools, procedures and associated rationale for use
- workplace policies, procedures and programs for screening
- relevant state/territory and national government policy, programs and reporting processes for oral health

Assessment Conditions

Skills must have been demonstrated in the workplace or in a simulated environment that reflects workplace conditions. Where simulation is used, it must reflect real working conditions by modelling industry operating conditions and contingencies, as well as, using suitable facilities, equipment and resources.

Assessors must satisfy the Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) 2015/AQTF mandatory competency requirements for assessors.

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