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Application

This unit describes the performance outcomes, 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 within a structured oral health care plan.

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

Nil

Unit Sector

Oral Health

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS

Elements describe the essential outcomes

1. Prepare for and participate in basic routine oral health screening services.
2. Follow screening tool questioning, observation and recording requirements.
3. Review screening process and referral outcomes.

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

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

- 1.1. Explain screening procedure and rationale to patients, check understanding and obtain consent from patient or carer to conduct screening.
- 1.2. Prepare screening materials, instruments and tools.
- 1.3. Determine patient ability to self-report and select most suitable tools and approach.
- 1.4. Comply with directions of screening tool instructions, guidelines or training approved by the oral health sector.
- 1.5. Use screening tool to question patients about their oral health and take into account specific individual issues.
- 2.1. Record and document observations about patient oral health 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 using information from patient or carer and own observations.
- 3.1. Address identified needs for oral health education or assessment in consultation with others and refer where necessary.
- 3.2. Discuss any issues or obstacles relating to referrals with patients and other relevant stakeholders.
- 3.3. Where screening was unsuccessful report and follow up according to organisational policies and procedures.
- 3.4. Clarify screening effectiveness by obtaining feedback from patient and other relevant stakeholders and identify any issues in own use of screening tools.

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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HLTOHC005 Use basic oral health screening tools.

Links

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Assessment Requirements for HLTOHC010 Use basic oral health screening tools

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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:

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

Knowledge Evidence

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

- how to use the relevant endorsed oral health screening tools 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
- impacts of existing health conditions on oral health
- relevant National and State or Territory government policy, programs and reporting processes for oral health.

Assessment Conditions

Skills must be 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.

Assessment must ensure:

- access to suitable facilities, equipment and resources including:
 - oral health screening tools and instruments
- access to current Dental Board of Australia (DBA) and Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) guidelines
- access to current Dental Board of Australia (DBA) infection control and record keeping guidelines
- modelling of industry operating conditions including access to people for simulations and scenarios in oral health care work

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

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