

Better Skills, Best Care

Role: Multi-skilled Allied Health Assistant – GEM/rehabilitation

Pilot setting

Werribee Mercy Hospital – Subacute Inpatient

Role description

This was a multi-disciplinary allied health assistant role that aimed to provide inpatient support for allied health interventions for Geriatric Evaluation and Management (GEM) or rehabilitation clients.

Tasks

Provide appropriate interventions

- Mobility training
- ADL training
- Individual exercise therapy
- Group exercise therapy
- Cognitive screens
- Review patient supplements
- Assist with home assessments including notional sketching for modifications

Identify need for further services

- Listening to the patient
- Liaising with the rest of the team

Record information

- Document interventions directly into the patient history

Administrative tasks

- Liaise with nursing homes on behalf of the patient
- Complete referral forms

Communicate with families

- Provide information regarding the processes for placement status
- Identify the home set-up with the family
- Organise the timing for the home assessment
- Update the family on the patient's progress from an allied health perspective

Allied health equipment

- Prepare home assessment
- Provide gait aid and general equipment
- Maintain store of equipment
- Order equipment
- Bill for equipment

Discharge planning

- Provide summary to Aged Care Assessment Service (ACAS) relating to AHA interventions and progress
- Coordinate discharge plan including ACAS times
- Coordinate sending and filing of discharge documents

Education and training

HLT42507 Certificate IV in Allied Health Assistance is the appropriate qualification for this role. See www.ntis.gov.au for full course details.

A choice of electives from those listed below is recommended.

- Contribute to organisational effectiveness in the workplace (HLTHIR402B)
- Provide specific information to clients (HLTCOM301B)
- Work effectively with others (BSBCMN204A)
- Organise personal work priorities and development (BSBCMN302A)
- Support the care of clients (HLTCSD304B)
- Orientation to Aged Care Work (CHCAC3C)
- Respond effectively to difficult or challenging behaviour (HLTCSD306B)
- Orientation to disability work (CHCDIS1C)
- Provide care support which is responsive to the specific nature of dementia (CHCAC15A)
- Provide support to an older person (CHCAC1C)
- Provide assistance to nutrition and dietetic services (HLTNA301B)
- Conduct a recreation program for the elderly (SRCCRO009B)
- Deliver and monitor exercise program for mobility (HLTAH403A)

Providers

Delivery of qualifications and units of competency from the new Health Training Package HLT07 requires TAFE institutes and private Registered Training Organisations to formally apply to the Office of Training and Tertiary Education for Registration to deliver training. It is anticipated delivery could commence by Semester 1, 2008.

Information about VET providers can be accessed on www.ntis.gov.au

Gordon Institute of Technology has devised a unit called *Sketch Plans for Occupational Therapy*, however this does not currently form part of an existing training package.

Costs associated with undertaking training

Until nominal hours for delivery of units are established, costs of delivery cannot be stated.

Training gaps and delivery options

Some skills may be developed through short courses and in-house training, where site-specific requirements can be addressed.

This qualification is suited to Australian Apprenticeship pathways.

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