

Specification of Competency Standards
for the Elderly Care Service Industry
Unit of Competency

Functional Area - Clinical Care

Title	Use Assistive Living Devices
Code	105997L2
Range	This Unit of Competency is applicable to employees working as clinical caregivers and those engaged in rehabilitation duties in the elderly care service industry. The Competency applies to a familiar daily working environment where the employees are required to provide guidelines to elderlies on the proper use of assistive living devices according to the advices and instructions given by healthcare professionals. This Unit aims to enhance the quality of life among elderlies by boosting their confidence, and improving their self-care ability and mobility.
Level	2
Credit	3 (For Reference Only)
Competency	<p>Performance Requirements</p> <p>1. Relevant knowledge of assistive living devices</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Be able to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the common assistive living devices and how they cater to the basic needs of daily life, such as grooming, eating, day-to-day care and moving around • Understand the functions of assistive living devices, and how to properly and safely use them • Understand the basic ways to store and maintain assistive living devices • Understand the advices and instructions from healthcare professionals on how elderlies should use the assistive living devices <p>2. Assisting elderlies to use assistive living devices</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Be able to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teach elderlies to use assistive living devices properly in accordance with the advices and instructions from healthcare professionals • Demonstrate the proper use of assistive living devices to elderlies • Ask elderlies on how well they use assistive living devices and observe them using the devices to ensure they understand how to use them properly • For devices that come in different sizes or those that need size adjustment such as walkers, wheelchairs or transfer boards, follow the advices from healthcare professionals to adjust or select the appropriate size to ensure safety of the elderlies • Teach elderlies the basics on how to store and maintain assistive living devices such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How to store devices properly: those made of soft plastics should be stored in a cool place away from direct sunlight ○ How to replace the battery ○ How to clean them • Regularly check assistive living devices for elderlies and inform healthcare professionals of any damage as soon as possible so that follow-up actions can be taken <p>3. Exhibit professionalism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strictly follow the advices and instructions from healthcare professionals regarding how the elderlies should use the assistive living devices • When helping elderlies use the assistive living devices, ensure their safety • Help elderlies improve mobility and self-care ability in order to maintain their dignity
Assessment Criteria	The integrated outcome requirement of this Unit of Competency is:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ability to guide elderlies to use assistive living devices according to the advices and instructions from healthcare professionals, to ensure they use the devices properly and safely in order to improve their self-care ability and enhance their quality of life.
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