

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

Functional Area - Clinical Care

Title	Conduct Preliminary Cognitive Assessment
Code	106105L4
Range	This unit of competency is applicable to employees in the elderly care service industry who provide rehabilitation services to elderlies. This Competency involves the ability of analysis and making judgment. Employees are required to conduct preliminary cognitive assessment using professional and standardized assessment tools according to relevant guidelines and protocols of the institution; analyse the result and help diagnose the seriousness of cognitive impairment .
Level	4
Credit	3 (For Reference Only)
Competency	<p>Performance Requirements</p> <p>1. Relevant knowledge on cognitive function</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Be able to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the relevant protocols and guidelines of the institution regarding preliminary cognitive assessment • Understand the definition of cognitive ability and its scope, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Spatial orientation ○ Memory ○ Judgment ○ Language ability ○ Ability to concentrate • Understand the objective assessment tools to assess elderlies' cognitive ability, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MMSE ○ Montreal Cognitive Assessment ○ Dementia Rating Scale • Understand other information needed for assessment of cognitive ability, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ medical history ○ Educational level ○ Visual and hearing abilities ○ Occupation and nature of tasks ○ Performance on activities of daily living (ADLs), etc. • Understand the ways to document cognitive assessment results properly • Understand the ways and skills required to analyse cognitive assessment results <p>2. Conduct cognitive assessment</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Be able to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the assessment procedures to elderlies so that they are more likely to comply • Choose objective assessment tools that are appropriate to elderlies to ensure the accuracy of the assessment result • Perform cognitive assessment in a suitable environment so that their performance would not be affected • Collect other relevant information related to cognitive ability of elderlies for relevant assessment • Document the assessment result properly and systematically • Analyse and integrate the assessment result to establish elderlies' level of the cognitive ability <p>3. Exhibit professionalism</p>

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	<p>Be able to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform cognitive assessment accurately using professional knowledge • Update the knowledge and skills related to cognitive assessment regularly, by keeping abreast of the latest medical advancements and technologies
Assessment Criteria	<p>The integrated outcome requirements of this Unit of Competency are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to use suitable objective assessment tools to assess elderlies' cognitive function and ensure the result is accurate, according to the relevant protocols and guidelines of the institution; and • Ability to document and analyse the assessment result properly, so as to determine elderlies' level of cognitive ability
Remark	<p>Dementia Rating Scale Lai, C, K. Y., Lau, L. K. P., Ng L., Faulkner, L. W., Chung, J. C. C. & Wong, T. K. S. (2004). Cross cultural validation: the Chinese version of the clinical dementia rating scale. Asian Journal of Nursing Studies, 7(1), 36-41.</p>