

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

Functional Area - Common

Title	Perform Protective Measures Against Communicable Diseases
Code	110900L2
Range	This Unit of Competency is applicable to practitioners who provide community care services in the elderly care service industry. The application requires performing a range of tasks in predictable and structured working environments, and its execution requires understanding abilities and interpretation skills. Practitioners should be able to execute appropriate protective measures against communicable diseases in the service units/centers, according to the organization's infection control guidelines, in order to ensure the elderly persons are protected from infection.
Level	2
Credit	2 (For Reference Only)
Competency	<p>Performance Requirements</p> <p>1. Relevant knowledge on the protective measures against communicable diseases</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the organization's infection control guidelines • Understand the basic knowledge on communicable diseases, such as: chain of infection, source of infection, route of transmission, and the relationship between the pathogen and host, etc. • Understand the protective measures against communicable diseases and their scope of application, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Correct hand hygiene procedures ○ Procedures for the disposal of contaminated waste and items ○ Cleaning procedures for contaminated public facilities ○ Handling contaminated personal belongings ○ Measures for environmental hygiene ○ Correct use of personal protective equipment ○ Correct procedures for gowning and de-gowning of personal protective equipment ○ Appropriate isolation methods, etc. <p>2. Perform protective measures against communicable diseases</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Execute relevant protective measures for the elderly persons suffering from communicable diseases, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Execute isolation measures, such as: arrange independent resting areas, utilize isolated rooms, utilize separate sets of equipment or items, persuade the elderly persons to diagnose and treat early, and avoid returning to the center during their disease, etc. ○ Perform environmental hygiene for the areas that the sick elderly persons may have touched, such as: handrails, door handles, tables, chairs, toilet panels, etc. ○ Appropriately clean and disinfect the equipment or items used by the sick elderly persons, such as: tableware, walking aids, training items, blankets, etc. ○ Correct use of personal protective equipment ○ Correct procedures for gowning and de-gowning of personal protective equipment ○ Perform correct hand hygiene measures ○ Correctly dispose contaminated items ○ Appropriately handle contaminated equipment or items

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Handle contaminated personal items according to the guidelines, such as: wrap them in plastic bags and taken away by the elderly persons or their family members, do not wash them in the service unit/center • Provide appropriate explanations and compassion to the elderly persons in isolation • Report to the senior/supervisor/medical professionals, Department of Health's Center for Health Protection as necessary, notify the Social Welfare Department and contact the patient's close contacts to provide appropriate assistance <p>3. Exhibit professionalism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strictly comply with the organization's infection control guidelines to prevent the spread of communicable diseases • Attend to the elderly's anxiety and fear for isolation, and provide appropriate explanations and compassion
Assessment Criteria	<p>The integrated outcome requirements of this Unit of Competency are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to correctly execute the protective measures to prevent the contact and spread of communicable diseases, according to the organization's infection control guidelines, in order to ensure that the elderly persons are protected from infection.
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