

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

Functional Area - Common

Title	Arrange Living Aids
Code	110928L4
Range	This Unit of Competency is applicable to practitioners who provide rehabilitation services in the elderly care service industry. The application requires performing skilled tasks in familiar and some new working environments, and its execution requires analytical and decision-making skills. Practitioners should be able to arrange suitable living aids for the elderly persons to improve their self-care abilities, according to the organization's procedures and practice manual of related services, and the assessment results of the elderly's mobility, self-care abilities and home environments.
Level	4
Credit	2 (For Reference Only)
Competency	<p>Performance Requirements</p> <p>1. Relevant knowledge on living aids</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the daily living aids commonly used by the elderly persons, and their functions in various aspects of clothing, food, housing and transportation • Understand the skills to assess the elderly's needs of living aids, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mobility ○ Self-care ability ○ Home environment, etc. • Understand the information of organizations and companies that provide living aids • Understand the organization's procedures and practice manual on the procurement of materials • Understand the skills of maintaining good communication with relevant departments, such as: Housing Department, etc. <p>2. Arrange living aids</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilize different methods to assess the mobility and self-care abilities of the elderly, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Utilize assessment tools to accurately assess the abilities of the elderly persons, such as: activities of daily living (ADLs) and instrumental activities of daily living (IADLs), etc. ○ Check the medical records to understand the doctor's diagnosis and advices ○ Interview the elderly's family members/carers, and inquire about the elderly's living habits and physical conditions, etc. • Analyze the living aids required by the elderly persons in their homes and identify high-risk areas by assessing the elderly's home environment, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Floors and corridors ○ Lighting ○ Doors and windows ○ Bathroom and toilet ○ Furniture stability, suitability for the elderly, etc. • Integrate the assessment results, analyze and summarize the needs of the elderly persons for living aids, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clothing: dressing aids for wearing socks, button hooks, long-handled shoehorns, etc. ○ Food: cutting cups, high-side curved bowl, adjusted chopsticks, medication alarm clock, pill grinder, etc.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Home: anti-slip mats shower chairs, bathroom handrails, suction nail washer, enlarged key chains, multi-purpose switches, night light, etc. ○ Mobility: bed rails, rope ladders at the end of bed, high-backed chairs, etc. ● According to the list of living aids required by the elderly and the organization's guidelines, obtain quotations from relevant companies and organizations, compare the prices and their suitability for the elderly, and purchase them on their behalf ● If the elderly's home requires remodeling or furnishing, such as: installing handrails, etc., contact the relevant Housing Department and the housing association's estate office/property management company, and the offices will arrange related follow-up procedures ● If the elderly's needs for living aids are only temporary, such as: body functions have not fully recovered following a fall, arrange or borrow suitable living aids from relevant agencies or groups, such as: bedside chairs, etc. ● Inspect the living aids arranged for the elderly, their methods of use and safety of the appliances, to ensure that they are suitable for the physical conditions of the elderly persons ● Regularly assess the elderly's physical conditions and changes in their abilities, and timely arrange appropriate living aids for the elderly <p>3. Exhibit professionalism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Accurately assess the elderly's needs for living aids, arrange suitable appliances to ensure their safe and effective use
Assessment Criteria	<p>The integrated outcome requirements of this Unit of Competency are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Able to assess the elderly's mobility, self-care abilities and home environment, and comprehensively analyze their needs for living aids; and ● Able to arrange suitable living aids for the elderly according to the organization's guidelines on purchasing materials, in order to improve the elderly's self-care abilities.
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