

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

Functional Area - Common

Title	Execute the Prevention of Communicable Diseases Guidelines
Code	110930L1
Range	This Unit of Competency is applicable to practitioners who provide their services in the elderly care service industry. The application requires performing routine and repetitive tasks in clearly defined and highly structured working environments, and its execution requires knowledge and understanding abilities. Practitioners should be able to understand the organization's prevention of communicable diseases guidelines, and strictly comply and execute the corresponding measures in their daily working environment, in order to prevent and reduce the spread of disease, provide a safe working environment and protect the safety and health of the staff and service users.
Level	1
Credit	6 (For Reference Only)
Competency	<p>Performance Requirements</p> <p>1. Relevant knowledge on prevention of communicable diseases</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the organization's prevention of communicable diseases guidelines, execution procedures and related standards, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Common communicable diseases in the elderly ○ Transmission routes ○ Routines for effective prevention of communicable diseases ○ Personal hygiene ○ Cleaning and disinfections methods ○ Environmental hygiene, etc. • Understand the importance of executing prevention of communicable diseases guidelines, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ensure the staff work in safe and hygienic environments ○ Ensure that service users use the services in safe and hygienic environments ○ Improve personal hygiene awareness, ensure the safety and health of staff and service users, etc. • Understand the methods to understand the prevention of communicable diseases guidelines <p>2. Execute the prevention of communicable diseases guidelines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the prevention of communicable diseases guidelines through different methods, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Orientation ○ Regular training/meetings ○ Staff supervision ○ Retreat activities ○ Organization's documents, etc. • Comply with the organization's prevention of communicable diseases guidelines and apply relevant preventive measures when performing the internal work of the unit, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Identify the elderly suffering from communicable diseases as early as possible, and immediately execute the corresponding isolation measures, cleaning and disinfection procedures to reduce the risk of the disease spreading ○ Always maintain personal hygiene, such as: appropriate hand hygiene, use personal protective equipment when necessary, such as: masks, face shields, etc.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Perform cleaning and disinfection procedures with diluted bleach according to the established schedule ○ Strengthen cleaning and disinfection procedures, maintain appropriate social distancing, and arrange vaccinations during peak seasons of communicable diseases, etc. ● Comply with the organization’s prevention of communicable diseases guidelines and apply relevant preventive measures when performing field work, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Understand the elderly’s conditions before home visits, and wear personal protective equipment when necessary ○ Hands and related items must be appropriately disinfected before and after home or hospital visits ○ Suspension of related field work may be necessary during peak seasons of communicable diseases, such as: home visits, hospital visits, etc. ● Comply with the prevention of communicable diseases guidelines, and execute the preventive measures during special circumstances, such as: peak seasons of influenza, etc. ● Regularly pay attention to the notices posted by the organization and relevant government departments to update the procedures and codes of practice on prevention of communicable diseases ● Immediately report the situation to the senior/supervisor, and assist in identifying the source and cause, and perform appropriate arrangements and follow-up according to the guidelines during suspected communicable disease outbreaks <p>3. Exhibit professionalism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Understand the importance of prevention of communicable diseases guidelines, and strictly comply with and execute them in the daily working environment
Assessment Criteria	<p>The integrated outcome requirements of this Unit of Competency are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Able to understand and execute the organization’s prevention of communicable diseases guidelines to protect the staff’s safety and health.
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