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Section 1: Meeting VET sector requirements

Training organisations have a range of requirements that they must meet in developing and implementing quality training and assessment strategies and practices for course programs. As a trainer, you also have a range of requirements that must be considered when implementing programs for your specific group of learners.

1.1 How Aspire's resources assist in meeting requirements

The following section outlines a range of VET sector requirements and how Aspire's resources may assist you and your training organisation in implementing a quality learning experience.

VET sector requirement	Aspire's approach
Australian Qualifications Framework The Australian Qualifications Framework is the national policy for regulated qualifications in the Australian education and training system. The AQF incorporates the quality assured qualifications from each education and training sector into a single comprehensive national qualifications framework. You and your training organisation must be aware of the requirements of the relevant AQF qualification or course requirements, from the endorsed training package, as you implement course delivery.	Aspire's learning resources, practice tasks and learning checkpoints have been pitched at a level suitable for the unit of competency and the qualifications for which it is relevant, based on the specifications in the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) (Second edition, January 2013). For more information regarding these specifications, and to download the Australian Qualifications Framework, visit the AQF website at: www.aqf.edu.au .
Volume of learning When developing training and assessment strategies for this unit and the qualification for which it is relevant, you and your training organisation must take into account the volume of learning requirements as defined by the Australian Qualifications Framework. An explanation of volume of learning can be accessed at: www.aqf.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/Volume-of-Learning-Explanation.pdf	Aspire ensures that each unit of competency is covered completely and in depth in both the learning content and the assessment. This approach will help you meet volume of learning requirements as you develop your training and assessment strategies.

Section 2: Unit of competency information

2.1 Unit of competency

CHCCCS017 Provide loss and grief support

Modification history

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Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to recognise and respond to the needs of people who are experiencing loss, grief and bereavement.

This unit applies to workers in a range of community services and health contexts.

The skills in this unit must be applied in accordance with Commonwealth and State/Territory legislation, Australian/New Zealand standards and industry codes of practice.

2.2 Unit of competency assessment requirements

Assessment Requirements for CHCCCS017 Provide loss and grief support

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Performance Evidence	<p>The candidate must show evidence of the ability to complete tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit, manage tasks and manage contingencies in the context of the job role. There must be evidence that the candidate has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • responded effectively to at least 3 diverse situations of loss, grief, bereavement or trauma • engaged with people using effective communication skills at least once that included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – empathic listening skills – verbal and non-verbal techniques – providing information clearly and sensitively – obtaining feedback to confirm understanding
Knowledge Evidence	<p>The candidate must be able to demonstrate essential knowledge required to effectively complete tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit, manage tasks and manage contingencies in the context of the work role. This includes knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spectrum of loss situations, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – primary loss – secondary loss – cumulative loss – integration of loss • potential impacts at the individual, family and community level, of grief, bereavement and trauma • features and expressions of grief and how these may vary, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – complex grief

3.2 Learning mapping

CHCCCS017 Provide loss and grief support, Release 1

Unit of competency	Content	Practice tasks	Learning checkpoint
Element 1: Recognise reactions to loss and grief	Topic 1: Recognise reactions to loss and grief	n/a	n/a
1.1 Recognise reactions to loss and grief	1A Recognise reactions to loss and grief	1	LC 1: Part A 1, 2, 3
1.2 Take into account social, cultural, ethnic and spiritual differences	1B Take into account social, cultural, ethnic and spiritual differences	2	LC 1: Part A 4, 5
1.3 Identify situations where there maybe risk to the health and/or safety of the person or other people and make appropriate referrals	1C Identify situations where there may be risk to the health and safety of the person or other people and make appropriate referrals	3	LC 1: Part B 2
1.4 Identify and assess an individual's suicide risk and where necessary refer to appropriate services	1D Identify and assess an individual's suicide risk and where necessary refer to appropriate services	4	LC 1: Part B 1, 2
Element 2: Engage empathically	Topic 2: Engage empathetically	n/a	n/a
2.1 Interact with individuals with empathy, sensitivity, professionalism and courtesy	2A Interact with individuals with empathy, sensitivity, professionalism and courtesy	5	LC 2: Part A 1, 4 Part B 1, 2

Final assessment tasks

The final assessment provided in Aspire's print learner guide or online resource includes an overview that is laid out as follows (or similar):

To demonstrate your competency using this final assessment you must successfully complete four assessment tasks.

<p>Complete the following task</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part A – Questioning You will demonstrate a sound knowledge of the unit requirements in your responses. • Part B – Case study questions You will demonstrate a sound knowledge of the unit requirements in your responses. • Part C – Observation You will demonstrate your skills and knowledge in a simulated workplace environment.
<p>Refer to the Aspire <i>Practical placement logbook</i> for this unit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical placement Your performance will be assessed in the workplace.

Please note that Part C is only included where the Assessment requirements for the unit of competency specify aspects of performance evidence that must be demonstrated in a simulated environment before practical placement. In all other cases, observation tasks have been incorporated into the practical placement assessment. Please refer to Aspire's *Practical placement logbook – User guide* for further information.

How to use the assessment plan

Once assessment tasks and options have been discussed with the candidate, required and preferred tasks should be selected and documented in the assessment plan. An example of the assessment plan is provided here.

Assessment plan	
Training organisation name:	
Candidate name:	
Phone number:	
Date:	
Email:	
Assessor name:	
Unit of competency:	CHCCCS017 Provide loss and grief support, Release 1
Assessment tasks to be undertaken:	<input type="checkbox"/> Part A – Questions <input type="checkbox"/> Part B – Case study questions <input type="checkbox"/> Practical placement
Ready for assessment declaration:	<p>I confirm that the purpose and procedures of this assessment have been clearly explained to me. I have been consulted about any special needs I might have in relation to the assessment process. The criteria to be used for this assessment have been discussed with me, as have the consequences and possible outcomes of the assessment.</p> <p>I have accessed and understand general assessment information as provided by my training organisation.</p> <p>I have been given fair notice of the date, time, venue and other arrangements for this assessment. I have completed a self-assessment of my performance of the skills and knowledge for this unit and confirm that I am ready for assessment.</p>

4.3 Assessment mapping

CHCCCS017 Provide loss and grief support, Release 1

Unit of competency	Part A – Questions	Part B – Case study questions	Practical placement
Element 1: Recognise reactions to loss and grief			
1.1 Recognise reactions to loss and grief	Q4	CS1	O1
1.2 Take into account social, cultural, ethnic and spiritual differences		CS2	O3
1.3 Identify situations where there may be risk to the health and/or safety of the person or other people and make appropriate referrals		CS3	O6
1.4 Identify and assess an individual's suicide risk and where necessary refer to appropriate services		CS4	O9
Element 2: Engage empathically			
2.1 Interact with individuals with empathy, sensitivity, professionalism and courtesy			O12
2.2 Identify and respect social, cultural, ethnic and spiritual differences			O15
2.3 Select and use verbal and non-verbal communication approaches that acknowledge the individual's emotional needs		CS5	O17
Element 3: Offer support and information			
3.1 Identify individuals experiencing difficulty in coping with grief and trauma and link or refer them to options for further help as needed		CS6	O19

4.4 Assessment solutions and marking guidance

General guidance

Assessors should review the solutions provided and adapt and/or contextualise them (and the final assessment tasks themselves where necessary) to suit the training and assessment context as part of their assessment planning activities.

The solutions to final assessment tasks presented in this section should serve as a reliable guide to the type of information that should be included in the assessment candidate's response. The answers provided by the assessment candidate will vary due to a number of factors, including the:

- candidate's own experiences
- candidate's workplace experiences
- interpretation of the assessment task by the assessment candidate/assessor
- type of organisation, work practices, processes and systems encountered by the candidate.

The nature and variety of the tasks presented means that, in some cases, there will be numerous correct responses and the solutions provided cannot cater for all contexts and eventualities.

In general terms:

- For questions with a single answer, Aspire has provided the correct answer.
- For questions that do not have a single answer, it is understood that answers will vary within certain parameters.
- For questions where the candidate has to list a certain number of items, Aspire has provided a more comprehensive listing from which candidate responses may be drawn. However, this list may not in all cases be definitive, and assessors should account for other possible correct responses.
- For activities that involve responding to a scenario, Aspire has provided an example of how the candidate may respond. Depending on the question, the terminology used will indicate either what the candidate should have included in their response, or may have included. However, assessors should take into account different phrasing used by the candidate, or different responses that may be equally correct.
- For activities that take place in the workplace or involve workplace documentation, assessors should consider whether the candidate has achieved the intent of the activity, taking into account the candidate's workplace context.
- For activities that involve writing reports or completing documentation provided, Aspire can only provide an example response. Assessors should again consider whether the candidate's response is appropriate to the task within the context of the candidate's training and/or workplace.

4.5 Completing the record of outcome

Once all required assessment tasks and options have been completed satisfactorily by the candidate, the final assessment record of outcome form must be completed.

This must be submitted to your training organisation's records administration as soon as possible after the final assessment tasks are completed and marked. An example is provided here.

Record of outcome

Training organisation name:		
Candidate name:		
Unit code and title:	CHCCCS017 Provide loss and grief support, Release 1	
Assessor name:		
Assessor email:		
Assessor phone number:		
Assessment tasks:		Satisfactorily completed
	Part A – Questions	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Part B – Case study questions	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Practical placement	<input type="checkbox"/>
Declaration:	<p>In completing this assessment, I confirm that the candidate has demonstrated all unit outcomes through consistent and repeated application of skills and knowledge with competent performance demonstrated in multiple instances over a period of time.</p> <p>Evidence collected has been confirmed as:</p>	