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# **Assessment Requirements for HLTENN039 Apply principles of wound management**

**Release: 3**

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## Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 3	Supersedes and is equivalent to Release 2 HLTENN039 Apply principles of wound management. Updated: Mapping details and minor corrections.
Release 2	Supersedes and is equivalent to Release 1 HLTENN039 Apply principles of wound management. Updated: Mapping details and minor corrections.
Release 1	HLTENN039 Apply principles of wound management supersedes and is not equivalent to HLTENN006 Apply principles of wound management in the clinical environment.

## Performance Evidence

Evidence of the ability to complete tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit in the context of the job role, and:

- perform wound care, including wound assessment, wound care planning and health education in the workplace on three different wounds.

The tasks must be undertaken in accordance with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) professional practice standards, codes and guidelines.

## Knowledge Evidence

Demonstrate knowledge required to complete tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit:

- National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards
- Aseptic Non Touch Technique (ANTT) guidelines for wound dressings
- community and educational resources and professional organisations associated with wound management
- historical development of contemporary wound management strategies
- pain management and medication administration timeframes to wound care
- causes of wounds:

- micro-organisms
- common fungal infections
- common viral infections
- surgical
- trauma
- chronic illness
- organisational policies and procedures for wound care
- wound management terminology
- rapid response to physical injury:
  - to control bleeding:
    - vasoconstriction
    - platelet response
    - biochemical response
  - three phases of tissue repair and regeneration:
    - inflammation (0 - 4 days)
    - reconstruction (2 - 24 days)
    - maturation (24 days - 1 year)
- wound management techniques:
  - wound debridement
  - wound drains and wound drainage systems
  - wound specimen collection
  - interpreting laboratory results in consultation with registered nurse and multidisciplinary health care team
  - doppler assessment
  - compression therapy
  - wound cleansing
  - wound measurement
  - clinical photography
  - wound tracing
- types of wounds:
  - surgical wounds
  - pressure ulcers
  - venous ulcers
  - arterial ulcers
  - mixed ulcers
  - malignant wounds
  - neuropathic ulceration wounds
  - infected wounds
  - burns
  - fistulas and sinuses

- skin grafts
- traumatic
- skin tears
- wound management strategies:
  - wound management principles
  - moist wound healing
  - comprehensive assessment
  - individualised wound plan of care
  - skin assessment
  - risk assessment
  - pressure support and relieving devices
  - prevention programs
  - wound characteristics
- procedures for collecting wound specimens for microbiology and cytology
- selection of wound products:
  - primary dressing
  - secondary dressing
  - wound cleansing.

## Assessment Conditions

To be eligible to apply for registration as an enrolled nurse and to practice in Australia, each applicant must complete a Diploma of Nursing program accredited by the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC) and approved as ‘an approved program of study’ by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) in accordance with the Enrolled Nurse Accreditation Standards.

For more detail visit <https://www.ahpra.gov.au>.

Skills must be demonstrated in the workplace or in a simulated environment as specified in the performance evidence that model industry operating conditions including access to real people for simulations and scenarios in enrolled nursing work.

Assessors must satisfy the Standards for Registered Training Organisations’ requirements for assessors.

Assessors must also hold current registration as a registered nurse with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA).

## Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=ced1390f-48d9-4ab0-bd50-b015e5485705>