

UNIT GROUP 3112 MEDICAL TECHNICIANS

MEDICAL TECHNICIANS operate anaesthetic, cardiac, operating theatre and medical testing equipment, perform and assist with laboratory tests, and fill prescriptions in support of Health Professionals.

Indicative Skill Level:

Most occupations in this unit group have a level of skill commensurate with the qualifications and experience outlined below.

In Australia:

AQF Associate Degree, Advanced Diploma or Diploma (ANZSCO Skill Level 2)

In New Zealand:

NZ Register Diploma (ANZSCO Skill Level 2)

At least three years of relevant experience may substitute for the formal qualifications listed above. In some instances relevant experience and/or on-the-job training may be required in addition to the formal qualification.

Registration or licensing may be required.

Tasks Include:

- operating equipment used in diagnosing and monitoring disorders of the heart, kidneys, nervous system and hearing, and in anaesthesia
- undertaking and assisting with medical analytical procedures and assisting Anaesthetists and surgical teams
- recording the electrical activity of the heart, from which the heart rate is measured and pattern and rhythm interpreted
- preparing and staining slides and tissue sections to study the cells of blood and for histological examination
- performing diagnostic tests on tissues and body fluids and analysing the chemical constituents of blood, urine, faeces and tissues
- testing for diseases by looking for the presence of antibodies and the products of immune response in samples
- setting up, checking and maintaining operating theatres, anaesthetic workstations, life support machines and associated equipment
- referring prescriptions to Pharmacists and assisting in preparing medications

Occupations:

- 311211 Anaesthetic Technician
- 311212 Cardiac Technician
- 311213 Medical Laboratory Technician
- 311214 Operating Theatre Technician
- 311215 Pharmacy Technician
- 311299 Medical Technicians nec

311211 ANAESTHETIC TECHNICIAN

Prepares and maintains anaesthetic equipment for operating theatres or clinics, and assists Anaesthetists during anaesthetic procedures.

Skill Level: 2

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311212 CARDIAC TECHNICIAN

Conducts tests on patients to record heart activity using specialised equipment, recording devices and laboratory instruments in support of Cardiologists and other Medical Practitioners engaged in diagnosing, monitoring and treating heart disease.

Skill Level: 2

Specialisations:

Cardiac Technologist

Electrocardiographic Technician

311213 MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIAN

Alternative Title:

Medical Laboratory Technical Officer

Performs routine medical laboratory tests and operates diagnostic laboratory equipment under the supervision of Medical Laboratory Scientists and Pathologists. Registration or licensing may be required.

Skill Level: 2

311214 OPERATING THEATRE TECHNICIAN

Prepares and maintains an operating theatre and its equipment, assists the surgical team during operations and provides support to patients in the recovery room.

Skill Level: 2

311215 PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

Alternative Title:

Dispensary Technician

Fills and labels patients' prescriptions under the supervision of a Pharmacist. May record details of, place orders for, take stock of, and store medications and medical supplies and deliver them to patients.

Skill Level: 2

311299 MEDICAL TECHNICIANS NEC

This occupation group covers Medical Technicians not elsewhere classified.

Skill Level: 2

Occupations in this group include:

Audiometrist

Dialysis Technician

Electroencephalographic Technician

Mortuary Technician

Neurophysiological Technician

Orthotic and Prosthetic Technician

Perfusionist

Renal Technician

Sleep Technician

UNIT GROUP 4113 DIVERSIONAL THERAPISTS

DIVERSIONAL THERAPISTS plan, design, coordinate and implement recreation and leisure-based activity programs to support, challenge and enhance the psychological, spiritual, social, emotional and physical wellbeing of individuals.

Indicative Skill Level:

Most occupations in this unit group have a level of skill commensurate with the qualifications and experience outlined below.

In Australia:

AQF Certificate III including at least two years of on-the-job training, or AQF Certificate IV (ANZSCO Skill Level 3)

In New Zealand:

NZ Register Level 4 qualification (ANZSCO Skill Level 3)

At least three years of relevant experience may substitute for the formal qualifications listed above. In some instances relevant experience and/or on-the-job training may be required in addition to the formal qualification.

Registration or licensing may be required.

Tasks Include:

- planning and implementing leisure activity programs for individuals in health care and in the community to assist in their social development, and promote their sense of wellbeing
- identifying individual needs through task analysis
- evaluating and assessing clients' levels of abilities, interests, needs, strengths and weaknesses, and their ability to carry out a range of tasks and interact with others
- maintaining a knowledge of resources available within a facility and within the community
- organising leisure and recreational events
- assisting with training and supervising volunteers and staff
- providing information on available support resources within the local community
- encouraging and supporting clients to take part in activities suited to their particular needs and interests
- adapting programs to suit individual clients' needs, interests, skills and abilities

Occupation:

411311 Diversional Therapist

411311 DIVERSIONAL THERAPIST

Alternative Title:

Recreational Therapist

Plans, designs, coordinates and implements recreation and leisure-based activity programs to support, challenge and enhance the psychological, spiritual, social, emotional and physical wellbeing of individuals. Registration or licensing may be required.

Skill Level: 3

Specialisations:

Activities Coordinator

Activities Officer

UNIT GROUP 4114 ENROLLED AND MOTHERCRAFT NURSES

ENROLLED AND MOTHERCRAFT NURSES provide nursing care to patients in hospitals, aged care and other health care facilities and in the community, and assist parents in providing care to newborn infants under the supervision of a Registered Nurse or Midwife.

Indicative Skill Level:

Most occupations in this unit group have a level of skill commensurate with the qualifications and experience outlined below.

In Australia:

AQF Associate Degree, Advanced Diploma or Diploma (ANZSCO Skill Level 2)

In New Zealand:

NZ Register Diploma (ANZSCO Skill Level 2)

At least three years of relevant experience may substitute for the formal qualifications listed above. In some instances relevant experience and/or on-the-job training may be required in addition to the formal qualification.

Registration or licensing is required.

Tasks Include:

- assessing, planning and implementing nursing care for patients according to accepted nursing practice and standards
- providing interventions, treatments and therapies such as administering medications, and monitoring responses to treatments and care plans
- assisting Registered Nurses and other team members to coordinate and evaluate care provided
- promoting and assisting in health education activities for the prevention of ill health
- bathing, feeding, changing and settling newborn infants
- providing advice and training on infant care to parents of newborn infants
- providing emotional support to parents of newborn infants

Occupations:

411411 Enrolled Nurse

411412 Mothercraft Nurse

411411 ENROLLED NURSE

Alternative Title:

Nursing Assistant (NZ)

Provides nursing care to patients in a variety of health, aged care, welfare and community settings under the supervision of Registered Nurses. Registration or licensing is required.

Skill Level: 2

Specialisation:

Medical Assistant (Defence)

411412 MOTHERCRAFT NURSE

Provides care to newborn infants, and provides advice and training on infant care to parents of newborn infants. Registration or licensing is required.

Skill Level: 2

UNIT GROUP 4115 INDIGENOUS HEALTH WORKERS

INDIGENOUS HEALTH WORKERS assist with the coordination and provision of health care delivery to Indigenous communities.

Indicative Skill Level:

Most occupations in this unit group have a level of skill commensurate with the qualifications and experience outlined below.

In Australia:

AQF Associate Degree, Advanced Diploma or Diploma (ANZSCO Skill Level 2)

In New Zealand:

NZ Register Diploma (ANZSCO Skill Level 2)

At least three years of relevant experience may substitute for the formal qualifications listed above. In some instances relevant experience and/or on-the-job training may be required in addition to the formal qualification.

Registration or licensing may be required.

Tasks Include:

- maintaining health records and statistics
- acting as an advocate in the community they serve, and as a communicator and interpreter on behalf of clients and other health workers
- providing clinical functions, such as case management and follow-up, independently or in consultation with other health care providers
- providing health education to individual clients and staff in health facilities
- providing cultural education to persons outside the cultural community and life skills education to the community they serve
- providing counselling and referring clients to other health care providers where necessary

Occupations:

411511 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker

411512 Kaiāwhina (Hauora) (Māori Health Assistant)

411511 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH WORKER

Liaises with patients, clients, visitors to hospitals and other medical facilities and staff at health clinics, and works as a team member to arrange, coordinate and provide health care delivery in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community health clinics. Registration or licensing may be required.

Skill Level: 2

411512 KAIĀWHINA (HAUORA) (MĀORI HEALTH ASSISTANT)

Assists with health care delivery to patients and clients in accordance with Tikanga Māori (Māori culture and custom).

Skill Level: 2

UNIT GROUP 4116 MASSAGE THERAPISTS

MASSAGE THERAPISTS perform therapeutic massage and administer body treatments for health, fitness and remedial purposes.

Indicative Skill Level:

Most occupations in this unit group have a level of skill commensurate with the qualifications and experience outlined below.

In Australia:

AQF Associate Degree, Advanced Diploma or Diploma (ANZSCO Skill Level 2)

In New Zealand:

NZ Register Diploma (ANZSCO Skill Level 2)

At least three years of relevant experience may substitute for the formal qualifications listed above. In some instances relevant experience and/or on-the-job training may be required in addition to the formal qualification.

Tasks Include:

- massaging the soft tissues of the body, such as muscles, tendons and ligaments, to assist healing
- utilising a range of massage techniques to enhance sports performance and prevent injury
- administering treatments to promote relaxation, improve circulation and relieve muscle tension
- assessing and treating specific soft tissue dysfunction and providing rehabilitation advice
- employing other techniques, such as acupressure or Shiatsu, and complementary aids, such as infra-red lamps, wet compresses, ice, essential oils and herbal and mineral therapies, to assist recovery
- assessing client's physical condition and case history and advising on stretching exercises and relaxation techniques

Occupation:

411611 Massage Therapist

411611 MASSAGE THERAPIST

Performs therapeutic massage and administers body treatments for relaxation, health, fitness and remedial purposes.

Skill Level: 2

Specialisations:

Chinese (Tui-Na) Masseur
Remedial Masseur
Shiatsu Therapist
Sports Medicine Masseur