

Changes to Diversional and Recreational Therapy Unit Standards

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Careerforce is reviewing six *Diversional Therapy* unit standards that are currently listed on the Directory of Assessment Standards (DAS).

Unit Standard	Title	Level	Credit
5786	Develop, implement, evaluate, and adapt personal diversional and recreational therapy care plans	4	5
5788	Develop, implement, evaluate and adapt diversional and recreations therapy group care plans	4	8
5789	Identify, implement, evaluate, and adapt diversional and recreational therapy activities or programmes for people in supportive environments	5	4
5791	Identify safety concerns, assess risk, and develop strategies to ensure safety in a diversional and recreational therapy setting	4	5
5792	Develop, implement, evaluate, and adapt a diversional and recreational therapy care plan for a person experiencing grief and loss	4	3
5795	Describe and apply the principles of quality assurance to diversional and recreational therapy practice	4	4

The key changes are:

5786 ('Develop, implement, evaluate, and adapt personal diversional and recreational therapy care plans') – Level 4, 5 credits

- Title amended from:

'Develop, implement, evaluate, and adapt personal diversional therapy care plans'

to:

*'Develop, implement, evaluate, and adapt personal diversional **and recreational** therapy care plans';*

- Inclusion of a new section in guidance information - *'An ability to integrate theory with practice in the workplace must be demonstrated.'*

- *'Evidence is required for two personal diversional and recreational therapy care plans used for a special occasion and one for an everyday activity.'*

Following consultation with the sector, Careerforce proposes that the requirement to provide a plan for a 'special occasion' is altered to a requirement 'for a special occasion **or** an everyday activity'. This follows comment on the difficulty students might face if a) there was no 'special occasion' during the completion of assessment, and b) the difficulty small providers and home-based carers might face with that requirement. The suggested new wording is:

*'Evidence is required for two personal diversional and recreational therapy care plans used for a special occasion **or** an everyday activity.'*

- Outcome 1 and Outcome 2

Following consultation with the sector, Careerforce proposes that Outcome 1 ('Assess the diversional therapy needs of a person') and Outcome 2 ('Develop personal diversional therapy care plans') are merged into a single new Outcome 1:

'Assess the diversional and recreational therapy needs of a person and develop a care plan in accordance with organisational policies and procedures.'

- Removal of the word 'choices' from wording in Outcome 1 and Outcome 2 Performance Criteria. An example of the existing wording is:

*'Assessment of diversional and recreational therapy needs of a person is carried out in consultation with the person and in accordance with the person's **choices** and abilities.'*

The new wording proposes to replace 'choice' with 'preferences, strengths':

*'Assessment of diversional and recreational therapy needs of a person is carried out in consultation with the person and in accordance with the person's **preferences, strengths** and abilities.'*

5788 ('Develop, implement, evaluate, and adapt diversional therapy group care plans') – Level 4, 8 credits

- Title amended from:

'Develop, implement, evaluate, and adapt diversional therapy group care plans'

to:

*'Develop, implement, evaluate, and adapt diversional **and recreational** therapy group care plans;*

- Inclusion of a new section in guidance information - *'An ability to integrate theory with practice in the workplace must be demonstrated.'*
- *'Evidence is required for two personal diversional and recreational therapy group care plans used for a special occasion and one for an everyday activity.'*

Following consultation with the sector, Careerforce proposes that the requirement to provide a group plan for a 'special occasion' is altered to a requirement 'for a special occasion **or** an everyday activity'. This follows comment on the difficulty students might face if a) there was no 'special occasion' during the completion of assessment, and b) the difficulty small providers and home-based carers might face with that requirement. The suggested new wording is:

*'Evidence is required for two personal diversional and recreational therapy group care plans used for a special occasion **or** an everyday activity.'*

- Outcome 1 and Outcome 2

Following consultation with the sector, Careerforce proposes that Outcome 1 ('Assess the diversional therapy needs of a group') and Outcome 2 ('Develop a diversional therapy group care plan') are merged into a single new Outcome 1:

'Assess the diversional and recreational therapy needs of a group and develop a group care plan in accordance with organisational policies and procedures.'

- Removal of the word 'choices' from wording in Outcome 1 and Outcome 2 Performance Criteria, as per changes made to unit standard 5786.

5789 ('Identify, implement, evaluate, and adapt diversional therapy activities for people with identified health conditions') – Level 5, 4 credits

- Title amended from:

'Identify, implement, evaluate, and adapt diversional therapy activities for people with identified health conditions'

to:

*'Identify, implement, evaluate, and adapt diversional **and recreational** therapy activities **or programmes** for people **in supportive environments**.'*

- Inclusion of a new section in guidance information - *'An ability to integrate theory with practice in the workplace must be demonstrated.'*
- Outcome 1

Following consultation with the sector, Careerforce proposes that the Evidence Requirement Range statement is changed from:

'evidence is required for four symptoms and four people'

to:

*'evidence is required for four symptoms **and conditions for at least two people.**'*

This followed comment that the 'four people' stipulation might disadvantage home-based carers, and that reducing it to 'two people' aligned better with Evidence Requirement Range statements in Outcomes 2 and 3 (both of which stipulate 'two people').

- Removal of the word 'health conditions' from wording in Outcomes 1, 2 and 3 in Performance Criteria and Range statements. An example of the existing wording is:

'evidence is required for two activities for each of two people with different health conditions.'

The new wording proposes to replace 'health condition/s' with 'supportive environment/s':

*'evidence is required for two activities **or programmes** for each of two people **in different supportive environments.**'*

5791 ('Identify safety concerns, assess risk, and develop strategies to ensure safety in a diversional therapy setting') – Level 4, 4 credits

- Title amended from:

'Identify safety concerns, assess risk, and develop strategies to ensure safety in a diversional therapy setting'

to:

*'Identify safety concerns, assess risk, and develop strategies to ensure safety in a diversional **and recreational** therapy setting';*

- Inclusion of a new section in guidance information - *'An ability to integrate theory with practice in the workplace must be demonstrated.'*

5792 ('Develop, implement, evaluate, and adapt a diversional therapy care plan for a person experiencing grief and loss') – Level 4, 3 credits

- Title amended from:

'Develop, implement, evaluate, and adapt a diversional therapy care plan for a person

experiencing grief and loss'

to:

*'Develop, implement, evaluate, and adapt a diversional **and recreational** therapy care plan for a person experiencing grief and loss';*

- Inclusion of a new section in guidance information - *'An ability to integrate theory with practice in the workplace must be demonstrated.'*

5795 ('Describe and apply the principles of quality assurance to diversional and recreational therapy practice') – Level 4, 4 credits

- Title amended from:

'Describe and apply the principles of quality assurance to diversional therapy practice'

to:

*'Describe and apply the principles of quality assurance to diversional **and recreational** therapy practice';*

- Purpose statement amended from:

'People credited with this unit standard are able to describe and apply the principles of quality assurance to diversional therapy practice'

to:

'People credited with this unit standard are able to exemplify and apply quality assurance actively in diversional and recreational therapy workplaces'.

If your organisation wishes to comment on the proposed amended units, please reply to ProductFeedback@Careerforce.org.nz before the close of business on Friday 22 November 2019.