



Factsheet 1

Course information – Certificate IV in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care Practice

Students of the Certificate IV in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care Practice undertake clinical practice and assessment, acquiring the knowledge, skill and competence to perform many clinical tasks and functions. This table represents a broad range of activities expected to perform for an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner. It does not include additional specialised skills sets which may be acquired through the completion of elective units under the National Health Training Package e.g. in oral health, sexual health etc.

Clinical practice area	Types of activities
Common procedure – hand hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• hand rub• routine hand wash• clinical hand wash.
History taking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SOAP-F• assess client's physical well-being• assess client's social and emotional well-being.
Observations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• measuring temperature, pulse and respiration• measuring blood pressure• measuring blood glucose level• head circumference• measuring weight.
Cardio-vascular system	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ECG• pulse oximetry• haemoglobin – Hb.
Respiratory system	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• chest sounds• oxygen therapy• suction• peak flow• spirometry.
Special senses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ear examination• ear management• eye examination• eye management• visual acuity.
Skin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• skin assessment• simple dressing• wound closure• removal of wound closures• complex dressings.
Gastro-intestinal system	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• abdominal assessment, auscultation and palpation• waist circumference• oral assessment.

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Nervous system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pain assessment • neurological observations • neurovascular assessment.
Medications*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • medications administration – common activities relevant to this skill • safe supply of medicines • oral • sublingual/buccal • inhalers DPI – dry powder • inhalers MDI – metered dose/spacer • nebulisers • topical • suppositories • injections – common activities relevant to this skill • injections – intramuscular • injections – subcutaneous • injections – intravenous • injections – Z-track • IV infusion/cannulation – fluid • monitoring the cold chain • anaphylaxis.
Specimen collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • venepuncture • urinalysis • collection of urine specimens from older children and adults for PCR, ACR and MSU • application of paediatric bag and collection of mid-stream urine • wound swab • nose swab • throat swab • faeces collection • tissue sample • sputum swab • eye swab.

*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioners working in Hospital and Health Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Health within defined isolated practice areas are authorised under the Queensland *Medicines and Poisons (Medicines) Regulation 2021* in accordance with the Extended Practice Authority 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioners' to use scheduled medicines on the oral or written instruction of a doctor, nurse practitioner or dentist, in line with relevant health management protocols and an individual practice plan.

For further information about the Certificate IV in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care Practice, including details about competency areas and assessment, refer to <https://training.gov.au/>