



Diabetes Nurse Educator – Alice Springs

Selection Criteria

Essential

- ◆ Appropriate Tertiary Qualifications in Diabetes Education with preference for people who have Credentialed diabetes educator status or are working towards it
- ◆ Registered Nurse who has current National Registration from the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency and NT Driver's License (or eligible to obtain)
- ◆ Demonstrated clinical experience that will ensure the provision of a comprehensive diabetes education service
- ◆ Demonstrated and well developed understanding of adult education learning principles, presentation skills, stages of behaviour change and group education
- ◆ Demonstrated ability to participate in planning, implementing and evaluating education programs, resource development and health promotion activities
- ◆ Demonstrated ability to work independently, excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to effectively participate as a member of a small multidisciplinary team within a cross cultural environment
- ◆ Demonstrated skills with computer applications and a commitment to using information technology for communication, data collection, evaluation and resource development

Highly desirable

- ◆ Extensive experience in diabetes management in the community
- ◆ Possess high motivation, strong initiative and time management skills
- ◆ Understanding of the principles of quality management and demonstrated commitment to the process of continuous review and quality improvement
- ◆ Demonstrated analytical and report writing skills

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Job Description

PRIMARY OBJECTIVES

In coordination with other members of the Healthy Living NT education team and other members of the multidisciplinary team, as an experienced diabetes nurse educator;

- ◆ Provide expert delivery of safe and effective evidence based clinical care and effective education to people with diabetes (Type 1, Type 2, GDM, IGT). Key operating areas include;
 - ◆ Urban and remote aboriginal clinics
 - ◆ Newly referred patients (group and individual sessions),
 - ◆ General diabetes clinic (group and individual sessions),
 - ◆ Gestational clients,
- ◆ Act as a resource, organise and deliver educational programs to other health professionals including Aboriginal Health Workers, remote area nurses, practice nurses and GP's, including accredited courses.
- ◆ travel to remote and regional areas of the Northern Territory to provide diabetes education in coordination with other medical and allied health staff
- ◆ Overseeing the identification and the development of diabetes educational resources, particularly for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their health professionals.

All performance and conduct of duties shall be carried out in accordance with the principles of best practice, and in line with Healthy Living NT's Guiding Values and objectives identified in Healthy Living NT Strategic Plan.

Responsible to the Education Manager.

SPECIFIC ACCOUNTABILITIES

To provide individual and group education and counselling sessions for people with diabetes and their families or support network, in a urban and remote environment. This does include working and travelling to remote Aboriginal Medical Services as a visiting specialist provider.

To liaise with referring Medical Officers primarily GP's and other health professionals including Aboriginal medical services, hospitals, and rural and remote clinic staff.

Contribute to the production of two quarterly newsletters one targeting the person with a diabetes the other targeting health professionals especially those in rural and remote communities.

Liaise with relevant stakeholders to organise, develop, promote, implement and evaluate educational programs. Deliver accredited training and in-services to health professionals including Aboriginal Health Workers, remote area nurses, practice nurses and GP's to increase their diabetes education knowledge, skills and service delivery.



Assist the cardiac educator in the delivery of the cardiac rehabilitation program when necessary.

Identify, review and evaluate new diabetes related literature and products that may be of benefit to people with diabetes.

Periodically review available diabetes educational resources for currency and appropriateness. Where existing resources are unsuitable or non-existent design, develop and produce resources that are culturally appropriate for all identified client groups particularly for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Participate and assist the Diabetes Education team to identify/ implement/ evaluate and revise education programs in accordance with best practice and evidence based.

Participate in public awareness campaigns and workplace risk assessment and screening that concentrate on diabetes and associated conditions including cardiac.

Gather data, report and provide other documentation for the program for evaluation and reporting purposes as required.

Participate in Quality Improvement activities and contribute to Accreditation as needed.

Accountable for own nursing practice and the maintenance of self education in diabetes management and education, stages of behaviour change, adult education and cardiac rehabilitation.

To practice in accordance with legislation and common law, within the Guidelines of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

Responsible for other duties as directed by the Education Manager / CEO.

Please note that the responsibilities outlined in this position description are not exhaustive, and only an indication of the work of the role. Healthy Living NT can direct you to carry out duties which it considers are within your level of skill, competence and training.

This position will be required to:

- Occasionally work non-standard hours
- Undertake travel within the NT, including driving where necessary and
- Some limited interstate travel

It is a requirement of employment with Healthy Living NT that all health professionals obtain and maintain:

- a satisfactory Police Criminal check
- a Working with Children check (Ochre card)
- a Northern Territory Driver's License.

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