

Modification history

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 5.0.

ACMPHR502	Manage horse health using selected therapies
Application	<p>This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge to assess the merits of available therapies, review the likely outcomes and validity of therapeutic options and select credible industry professionals to perform the therapies.</p> <p>The unit applies to individuals who have management responsibility for the health and wellbeing of performance horses. They work autonomously and apply specialist knowledge and skills to provide and communicate solutions for predictable and unpredictable problems working both independently and in conjunction with others.</p> <p>Commonwealth and state/territory health and safety, and animal welfare legislation, regulations and codes of practice relevant to interacting with horses apply to workers in this industry. Requirements vary between industry sectors and jurisdictions.</p> <p>No occupational licensing or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.</p>
Prerequisite Unit	Nil
Unit Sector	Equine (EQU) Performance Horse (PHR)

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Elements	Performance Criteria
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Determine therapies suitable for use in performance horse health management	1.1 Seek professional advice/veterinarian diagnosis(?) to interpret signs of horse injuries, ailments and health problems 1.2 Research appropriate therapies to treat identified condition on the basis of evidence, mode of action and credibility 1.3 Collaborate with veterinarians and other allied health professionals to determine appropriate therapies, timelines and outcomes 1.4 Select appropriate therapy according to veterinary or allied health professional advice 1.5 Assess the risks to horse and workplace associated with selected therapy
2. Select equine therapists	2.1 Assess therapist qualifications for rigour, credibility and compliance with relevant legislation 2.2 Seek and evaluate therapist testimonials from a wide range of sources 2.3 Select appropriate therapist based on assessment of qualifications and testimonials
3. Implement chosen therapy	3.1 Monitor horse progress during treatment in collaboration with therapist 3.2 Ensure a safe work environment and low stress, safe and humane handling practices are followed during treatment 3.3 Record results of selected therapy and assess against expected outcomes 3.4 Evaluate impact of selected therapy in collaboration with the therapist or veterinarian 3.5 Adjust the therapeutic strategy based on horse response and therapist or veterinarian advice

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Foundation Skills	
<i>This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.</i>	
Skill	Description
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gather, interpret and analyse textual information from a range of sources to identify relevant information Synthesise a variety of relatively complex texts involving medical or veterinary terminology
Oral communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in interactions with stakeholders using questioning and listening to elicit opinions, and to confirm and clarify understanding

Unit Mapping Information			
Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMPHR502 Manage horse health using selected therapies	ACMPHR502 Manage horse health using selected therapies	Minor changes to performance criteria for clarity New PC1.5 Foundation skills table and assessment requirements updated	Equivalent

Links	Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103
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TITLE	Assessment requirements for ACMPHR502 Manage horse health using selected therapies
Performance Evidence	
<p>An individual demonstrating competency in this unit must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria of this unit.</p> <p>There must be evidence that the individual has managed the health of at least two individual horses using a different equine therapy for each horse, selected from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • horse massage or sports massage • Bowen therapy • equine bodywork • equine touch • equine reiki • myofascial release • craniosacral therapy • other???? <p>In doing the above, the individual must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • detected signs of common horse injuries, ailments and health problems and sought a diagnosis from a veterinarian/ professional advice (?) • researched appropriate therapies and the qualifications and experience of the therapist • conducted a risk assessment relating to implementing the selected therapies • monitored and recorded horse responses to selected therapies • complied with relevant legislative requirements and applied appropriate animal welfare and workplace health and safety practices. 	
Knowledge Evidence	
<p>An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • key features of equine biology, anatomy and physiology • signs, aetiology, pathogenesis, progression and healing processes of common equine injuries, ailments and diseases • range of therapies available to treat identified equine diseases, ailments and injuries • mode of action, benefits, limits, scientific evidence and physiological plausibility of therapies, including veterinary, nutraceutical, pharmacological, natural and complementary therapies • legislative regulations covering veterinary and allied health professional accreditation qualifications and licensing • industry bodies, professional development, compliance and accreditation processes • key requirements of work health and safety regulations and guidelines relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • risk assessment, control and review • due diligence for staff and other personnel • safe horse handling techniques • use, storage, maintenance and replacement of personal protective equipment (PPE) • key requirements of relevant legislation and codes of practice, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • biosecurity relevant to horse disease, infection control and hygiene standards • workplace health and safety relating to interactions with horses • animal welfare relating to the safe, humane and ethical care of horses. 	
Assessment Conditions	
<p>Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • physical conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an equine workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions • resources, equipment and materials: 	

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 This is not a definitive list - need advice

•other recognised and approved therapy (can we list a peak body?)

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Assessment Conditions

- various horses requiring therapy treatment, assessed as suitable for the experience and skill of the individual
- tack and equipment for horses
- PPE for handler appropriate for activity
- workplace recording or reporting forms
- specifications:
 - health records for individual horses.

Training and assessment strategies must show evidence of the use of guidance provided in the *Companion Volume: User Guide: Safety in Equine Training*.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

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