PUAOPE010C Operate a Semi Automatic Defibrillator in an Emergency

Course Objective

To provide participants with the skills and knowledge to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) on a victim of suspected cardiac arrest.

Course Content

The course content covers cardiovascular disease, revision of CPR, defibrillation using an automated external defibrillator (AED), care and maintenance of the AED, and legal considerations.

Selection Criteria

The principles of Access & equity will be applied in the selection of students and in the delivery of the training and assessment services.

However, participants must have English-speaking skills and reading skills which will be assessed during the enrolment process. They must also have competence in CPR as evidenced by an approved CPR certification and be at least 14 years old.

Assessment

All assessment will be based on the principles of competency-based training and assessment. You will participate in both theory and practical sessions, which will be followed by a theory test and skills assessment.

Additional Support

Where students require additional welfare or counselling support they will be referred to appropriate professional agencies.

Recognition of Prior Learning

If you hold a current AED award to equivalent standards you may be exempted from this course. If you have been trained in resuscitation previously but do not hold a current award, your competency can be assessed during the course and you may be issued with a certificate of competency in CPR.

National Recognition

DAN AP recognises relevant AQF qualifications and Statements of Attainment issued by other Registered Training Organisations (RTOs).

Course Delivery

The nominal duration of the course is three hours and it may be delivered in a single block or a several shorter blocks.

The delivery and assessment methods used will be tailored to the specific training environment and the needs of the client group.

Enrolment

To enroll, contact a DAN AP Licensed Instructor in your locality, who will provide you with details of the venue, date and fees for the course. The nominal fee is $90 but this may vary due to enrolments, location and a variety of other factors.

Refund Policy

Any deposit may be refunded if you fail to attend the program if: 1. You provide a medical certificate providing a reason for non-attendance; or 2. You provide an explanation, deemed reasonable by your Instructor or the DAN AP Training Manager, for the non-attendance at the program. Any approved refund will be made within 3 weeks of application.

Complaints and Appeals

In the event of a grievance with your Instructor, please contact the DAN AP Training Manager on training@danasiapacific.org, or Tel: +61-3-9886 9166; Fax: +61-3-9886 9155.
ELEMENTS OF COMPETENCY AND PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Elements describe the essential outcomes of a unit of competency. Performance criteria describe the required performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. Where bold italicised text is used, further information is detailed in the required skills and knowledge and/or the range statement. Assessment of performance is to be consistent with the evidence guide.

1. Assess casualty and develop management plan

1. *Hazards* are identified, minimised and if possible removed, in accordance with State and Territory regulatory requirements
2. Casualty is reassured and positioned in a suitable position
3. An evaluation of *signs and symptoms* is undertaken to determine the casualty’s condition
4. Casualty’s condition is analysed to determine treatment requirements
5. A management plan is developed based on the results of the casualty assessment and the availability of *equipment*
6. Medical aid is arranged as soon as possible. Consistent with maintaining casualty safety

2. Check equipment

1. *Pre-use check* of safety and potential effectiveness of equipment is undertaken in accordance with operating procedures and Australian Standards and *regulatory requirements*
2. Minor faults are diagnosed and repairs are carried out in accordance with organisational procedures to restore equipment to *working order*
3. Faults and defects are *reported/recorded* in accordance with organisational procedures

3. Attach and operate equipment

1. Equipment is set up in accordance with manufacturer’s instructions
2. Semi automatic defibrillator is attached and operated as per manufacturer’s guidelines and safety procedures
3. Work is undertaken cooperatively with person conducting resuscitation techniques

4. Recover and restore equipment

1. Equipment is cleaned, discarded or disinfected, restocked and/or replenished in accordance with organizational procedures
2. Equipment is charged, stored and safeguarded against damage or loss in accordance with organizational procedures
3. Reports are completed and submitted to appropriate personnel