

Unit 81: Select and Wear Appropriate Personal Protective Equipment for Work in Healthcare Settings

Level:	2
Unit type:	Optional
Credit value:	2
Guided learning hours:	15

Unit Aim

This unit aims to develop the learner in achieving a professional standard when dressing for work. Aspects of the control of cross-infection impact on correctly preparing and dressing for work in healthcare areas. Emphasis is placed on following requirements for wearing personal protective equipment and hand cleansing.

Assessment requirements

This unit must be assessed in line with *Skills for Health Assessment Principles for Qualifications that Assess Occupational Competence* document. Detailed information can be found in *Annexe A* of the qualification specification.

Evidence for skills within learning outcome 3 must come from real work activities.

Learning outcomes The learner will:	Assessment criteria The learner can:
1 Understand legislation, local policy and protocols in relation to dressing for work in a healthcare setting	1.1 Explain organisational policies and protocols in relation to preparing and dressing for work in healthcare settings
	1.2 Explain standard precautions for infection prevention and control which affect own practice in: • preparing for work • dressing for work
	1.3 Explain how and when to cleanse own hands in line with local policy and protocol
	1.4 Explain the importance of maintaining professional appearance and presentation

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	1.5 Explain the importance of removing personal clothing, makeup and fashion items as required by own work setting
	1.6 Describe the importance of promptly reporting reduction in stocks of PPE
2 Understand how to select and use personal protective equipment (PPE) in a healthcare setting	2.1 Describe how to select and use appropriate PPE for own job role and setting
	2.2 Describe how PPE may become unsuitable for use including the actions to take if this happens
	2.3 Describe what additional protection equipment should be worn when there is a risk of • aerosols • blood • body fluids • radiation
	2.4 Explain when synthetic non-powdered un-sterile gloves and apron should be used
3 Be able to select and use personal protective equipment (PPE) in a healthcare setting	3.1 Check for the cleanliness, suitability and fit of PPE for the roles and procedures to be undertaken
	3.2 Wear PPE in the designated work area only according to own role and procedures to be undertaken
	3.3 Remove and dispose of PPE in line with local policy and protocol
	3.4 Demonstrate how the reporting and restocking of PPE is carried out