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Course Title: Occupational Certificate: Healthcare Cleaner

SAQA ID: 118730

NQF Level: 2

Credits: 120

Course Description:

The Occupational Certificate: Healthcare Cleaner course is designed to equip learners with the necessary skills and knowledge to work effectively as a cleaner in a healthcare setting. This includes understanding cleaning procedures, hygiene protocols, and the safe use of cleaning chemicals and equipment in various healthcare environments such as hospitals, clinics, and care homes. The course emphasizes the importance of maintaining a clean, safe, and sanitized environment to prevent the spread of infection and promote patient and staff safety.

Course Objectives:

By the end of this course, learners will be able to:

- Understand and implement cleaning procedures in healthcare settings.
- Apply hygiene and infection control practices to ensure a safe environment.
- Safely use and maintain cleaning equipment and chemicals.
- Perform cleaning tasks in different areas of healthcare facilities, including patient rooms, wards, and public areas.
- Recognize and manage potential health and safety risks in a healthcare cleaning environment.

Benefits of Completing this Course:

- Gain a nationally recognized qualification to work as a healthcare cleaner.
- Understand the critical role cleaning plays in infection control and patient safety.
- Develop practical skills in cleaning techniques, safety procedures, and equipment use.
- Enhance career prospects in the healthcare and cleaning industries.
- Contribute to a hygienic and safe environment in healthcare facilities.

Who Should Attend:

- Individuals looking to pursue a career as a cleaner in a healthcare environment.
- Existing cleaning staff in healthcare facilities seeking to formalize their skills with a qualification.
- Individuals working in infection control or hygiene-related roles in healthcare settings.
- Anyone interested in improving cleanliness standards and infection prevention in healthcare institutions.



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Assessment:

Assessment will be based on the learner's ability to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of cleaning processes, infection control practices, and health and safety regulations.
- Perform practical cleaning tasks according to healthcare standards.
- Participate in written tests, practical assessments, and case studies to showcase understanding of cleaning and infection control procedures.

Specific Outcomes and Assessment Criteria:

By successfully completing this Occupational Certificate, learners will demonstrate competence in the following:

1. Understand and Implement Cleaning Procedures in Healthcare Settings:

- Identify cleaning tasks required for different areas within a healthcare environment.
- Follow standard operating procedures (SOPs) for cleaning, ensuring consistency and quality.
- **Assessment Criteria:** Observation and evaluation of cleaning tasks performed according to procedures.

2. Apply Hygiene and Infection Control Practices:

- Use appropriate cleaning agents and methods to maintain hygiene standards.
- Understand and apply infection control measures such as the use of personal protective equipment (PPE).
- **Assessment Criteria:** Ability to demonstrate hygiene practices and infection control techniques in the workplace.

3. Safely Use and Maintain Cleaning Equipment and Chemicals:

- Identify and correctly use cleaning equipment such as vacuums, floor scrubbers, and disinfectant dispensers.
- Store and dispose of cleaning chemicals safely and in accordance with safety standards.
- **Assessment Criteria:** Practical demonstration of the safe handling and maintenance of cleaning tools and chemicals.

4. Perform Cleaning Tasks in Different Areas of Healthcare Facilities:

- Clean and sanitize patient rooms, bathrooms, public spaces, and medical equipment.
- Follow specific cleaning protocols to maintain a safe environment in high-risk areas such as operating rooms and isolation rooms.
- **Assessment Criteria:** Completion of cleaning tasks to required healthcare standards, including compliance with infection control protocols.



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5. **Recognize and Manage Health and Safety Risks in a Healthcare Cleaning Environment:**

- Identify potential hazards in the cleaning process, such as slippery floors or the improper disposal of waste.
- Apply health and safety regulations to minimize risks and prevent accidents.
- **Assessment Criteria:** Observation of health and safety practices and risk management during cleaning activities.

Completing the **Occupational Certificate: Healthcare Cleaner** will provide learners with the necessary skills to contribute to infection control and create a safe, hygienic environment in healthcare settings, ensuring patient safety and compliance with healthcare cleaning standards.