



Drug Test Specimen Collection

HLTPAT005 Collect specimens for drugs of abuse testing

Application and Relevance

This unit covers the knowledge and skills required to confirm collection requirements, prepare a client and equipment for specimen collection, following the special procedures that apply for drugs of abuse testing. This unit applies to individuals working in collection centres, in hospitals, in other health care environments and in workplaces where drugs of abuse testing takes place.

Course Currency Status: current

Duration

8 hours face-to-face training and assessment

Course Content

Topics covered in this course include:

- + Understanding the context for drugs of abuse testing
- + Various kinds of drugs of abuse and their effects
- + Legal and ethical considerations
- + Confirming collection requirements
- + Preparing the collection environment, equipment and client
- + Following specimen collection procedures
- + Ensuring integrity of samples collected
- + Accurate labelling and collection documentation
- + The chain of custody process
- + Preparing samples for transit



Entry Requirements

There are no prerequisite units. It is recommended participants have language, literacy and numeracy skills equivalent to level 3 in the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF). They must also have the physical ability to meet the demands of the practical skills.

Assessment Methods

Progressive assessment throughout the course, including demonstration of practical skills and written and oral questions relating to underpinning knowledge.

Award Issued

A nationally-recognised Statement of Attainment will be issued to all successful participants.

Further Info

Please refer to the Student Handbook for additional information.



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