

Caring (Advanced)

Competition brief

Skill Description

The competition promotes the skills and knowledge required to work in the sector of health and social care. Competitors will be able to demonstrate their theoretical knowledge and skills in a live competition environment.

Entry requirements

This competition is open to those who are in training or are working in the Social Care sector and who are over 16 years of age.

We are seeking outstanding individuals who can demonstrate excellent skills, knowledge and attitude in the delivery of social care. Competitors will possess the equivalent of 2-7 years experience in either training or employment, within the adult social care sector, or the equivalent of a relevant level 3 qualification. All competitors must have current knowledge of first aid.

Competitors must have the support of their employer or training provider prior to entering the competition.

Competition structure

The online registration facility is available from October 2009. Please note, you must register and set up an account in order to enter a competition.

Register: October – 17 February 2010

Stage one: Enter online at www.worldskillsuk.org by 17 February 2010. Competitors are also asked to prepare and submit a supporting statement to the National Skills Academy for Social Care. Information relating to the supporting statement is available to download from the WorldSkills UK site titled 'assessment question form'.

Stage two: Competitors will be selected to participate in a live heat and will be informed by email on Friday 19 February.

Stage three: The highest scoring competitors across all heats that meet the required standard will be invited to compete at the UK final.

About the competition

Two competitors may enter from any one organisation.

The competition will consist of two separate activities.

Activity A - Emergency situation

The activity will last for 30 minutes.

Competitors will be expected to respond appropriately to an emergency situation.

Activity B - Personal Care

The activity will last for 60 minutes.

A clear brief, outlining the task in detail, will be available on the day. A care plan and client profile will also be given. Time will be allocated for reading and preparation.

Competitors will be required to help an individual get up and out of bed, washed, dressed and ready to go on an outing. Care will be given in accordance with the care plan present at the time of competition which will be updated in line with the care given.

An 'on the spot' element will be presented on the day, in order to assess the competitors' ability to respond to an unexpected event.

The client will be an actor.

Marking and assessment

Assessment will be through observation of the live performance by the judges drawn from training providers and experts within the social care field.

Marks will be awarded by the judges as follows:

Task A (35% of marks):

The assessment of the situation;

Taking appropriate action ;

The interaction and communication with the client;

Demonstrating the principles of respect, dignity and privacy;

Theoretical knowledge;

Demonstrating due care and attention to matters of health and safety.

Task B (65% of marks):

Demonstrating that actions are centred on the needs, wishes and views of the client;

Demonstrating the principles of respect, dignity and privacy;

Demonstrating that the health and personal care which the client receives, is based on his or

her individual needs;

Theoretical knowledge;

Demonstrating due care and attention to matters of health and safety.

Competition Rules

- Scrutinisers will be on the floor at all times
- Each activity will be carried out in the allotted time
- Competitors are expected to work as if in a professional setting.
- If during the competition a competitor feels they must leave their work are (e.g. medical reasons, toilet break), they will have the time recorded on a 'time out' sheet by a member of staff.
- No mobile telephones are allowed in the competition room.

Contact details

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