Position Description

1. General Information

Position Title:	Dietitian
Division/Department:	Epworth Rehabilitation and Mental Health
Position Reports to:	Manager, Speech Pathology and Dietetics, Continuing Care and Support Services /Deputy/Grade 3 Senior Clinician or other as delegated by Manager
Enterprise/Individual Agreement:	Epworth HealthCare Dietitians, Psychologists and Medical Scientists Enterprise Agreement 2021
Classification/Grade:	Grade 2: DTN21 – DTN25
Location:	Camberwell
Employment Status:	Part Time
Key Relationships - internal and external	• Patients and family members & visitors • Multi-disciplinary team members and Nursing staff • Food Services Teams • Rehabilitation Consultants, Medical Staff & VMO's • External service providers and referrers

2. Overview of Epworth HealthCare

Epworth HealthCare is Victoria's largest not-for-profit private health care group, renowned for excellence in diagnosis, treatment, care and rehabilitation. Guided by our purpose to deliver world-class, personalised care, we provide exceptional care across hospitals, clinics, community services and home-based settings.

Our vision, **Exceptional care. For life,** reflects our commitment to supporting people to live well and stay well through every stage of life, combining outstanding clinical care with leading research, education and innovation.

Everything we do is guided by our values of **Compassion, Accountability, Respect and Excellence**, which shape how we care for patients, work together and serve our communities. More information can be found on the Epworth website.

3. Epworth 2030 Strategy

All roles at Epworth contribute to the successful delivery of the **Epworth 2030 strategy,** which sets our direction for the future through three strategic priorities:

- **Excellence in care, every time.**

Uncompromising standards delivering safe, consistent, high-quality care. No exceptions.

- **Growth with purpose.**

Intentional growth in the services, specialties and settings our communities need most, at a scale that sustains investment, innovation and quality. Growth that gives back: as a not-for-profit, every dollar we earn is reinvested in care.

- **A place where great people do great work.**

Where our staff and doctors are backed to set the standard for exceptional healthcare.

4. Purpose of the Position

To provide optimal Dietetic services and positive clinical outcomes to the patient ensuring long-term health and wellbeing that is consistent with Epworth HealthCare's Vision and Values. Working within a multidisciplinary team, provide effective clinical, educational, emotional support and holistic best practice care to the patient and the family. Promote excellence to our customers and the marketplace and support colleagues by sharing knowledge and expertise.

5. Clinical Governance Framework

This role is required to put into practice the Clinical Governance Framework at Epworth as every employee is accountable for ensuring that our patients and community receive safe, high quality and person-centred care in every interaction with Epworth. This is achieved through active participation in the five domains of clinical governance at Epworth:

Clinical Governance Domain	Role
Leadership and culture	Promote and participate in a supportive, fair and transparent culture where lessons from previous outcomes are learned and patient safety and quality is a priority at all levels of the organisation.
Consumer Partnerships	Understand and where relevant, ensure that each patient is actively involved in their own care and treatment including families/carers wherever possible.
Effective Workforce	Develop and maintain one's own competency, skills and knowledge to ensure high quality service provision and care.
Clinical Safety and Effectiveness	Understand and where relevant, ensure, that the right care is provided to the right person at the right time, in the right place and patient outcomes are monitored and improved.
Risk Management	Be responsible for identifying and reporting risks, hazards and near misses for people in our care and participating in risk mitigation strategies.

6. Key Accountabilities

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES	MEASURES/KPIs TO BE ACHIEVED
Clinical Care/Professional Practice • Ensure optimal level of function and independence for all patients in the clinical caseload by appropriate assessments and treatments, provided in both individual and group sessions • Assess and evaluate the patients physical, functional, psychological, environmental and behavioural factors and determine appropriate interventions to optimise the patient's nutritional health and status and quality of life • Establish and maintain appropriate standards of practice relating to patient admission, assessment, treatment, family liaison and discharge planning	• Appropriate standards of practice relating to assessments and treatments are implemented in a timely manner • Compliance with mandatory and team-based documentation in patients' medical record within agreed timeframes • Direct patient care provided within allocated time frames from referral to treatment and within funding parameters • Timely intervention is provided to support the team in achieving patient's length of stay goals

• Implement, monitor and modify nutritional and therapeutic diet programs within the clinical area as appropriate, using a patient centred evidence informed practice model of care • Provide nutrition advice, support, counselling and education to patients and family/carers • Demonstrate empathy and compassion and encourage patient and family members participation in all stages of care • Provide clinical leadership in a specialty area, demonstrating well consolidated skills and the application of theory to practice • Practise in accordance with the National Safety and Quality Health Services (NSQHS) Standards • Demonstrate reflective, critical thinking and evidence-based approach to the provision of patient care • Maintain patient confidentiality as prescribed by the relevant acts and organizational policies and procedures • Contribute to the development and maintenance of new and established clinical services within Dietetics and the broader team • Understand and implement Epworth HealthCare Policies and Procedures and departmental work place instructions	• Sound relationships are developed and maintained with customers, family and colleagues • Patient satisfaction results meet organisational targets • Compliance with NSQHS and clinical competencies • Compliance with accepted professional Dietetics standards and Code of Ethics • Compliance with legislative and common law requirements including Privacy Act and Health Records Act • Adherence to all Epworth Policies and Procedures
Leadership • Lead and participate in the supervision of Grade 1's, AHA's and students • Provide education and support to junior staff and students as requested • Participate in the orientation of new and casual staff	• Effective supervision and support provided to staff and students • Supervision sessions completed and documented • Contribution to supervisees PDP process as supported by the Manager
Team Work /Communication • Actively participate as a member of the department and multidisciplinary team • Provide positive and constructive feedback to other team members	• Collaborate effectively with all other team members and external agencies, for efficient patient management • Supportive environment for both patients and staff is provided

	• Attendance and active participation in departmental and multidisciplinary team meetings • Representation of discipline at relevant committees/meetings
Continuous Quality Improvement • Initiate, lead and actively participate in quality activities ensuring opportunities for improvement are actively explored and best practice is achieved • Provide suggestions and feedback to consistently improve service delivery, clinical practice and patient satisfaction • Strive to enhance the Dietetics Department and Epworth's positive image within the community	• Evidence of participation in quality enhancement activities • Quality projects are completed within agreed time frame • Demonstrated commitment to Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, National Safety and Quality HealthCare Services (NSQHS) Standards • Departmental resources, equipment and educational information are maintained and updated
Personal and Professional Development • Participate in the ongoing professional development of self, colleagues and the wider Epworth HealthCare community by upgrading clinical competencies and knowledge and participating in both internal and external educational opportunities • Impart clinical knowledge through structured in-service programs, lectures and tutorials • Actively participate in Performance Development Plan annually and evaluate personal performance and plan self-development	• Share knowledge in department meetings and with other staff through in-service programs, tutorials, etc • Active participation in relevant professional organisations • Participation in in-service and education activities and events • Completion of performance review and development plan
Safety and Wellbeing Participate actively and positively in the area of health and safety to reduce all hazards and incidents within the workplace Report all hazards, incidents, injuries and near misses immediately to your manager and log them in RiskMan	• Adhere to infection control/personal hygiene precautions • Implement and adhere to Epworth OHS policies, protocols and safe work proceduresMandatory training completed at agreed frequency • Incidents reported in RiskMan • Mandatory training completed at agreed frequency

Customer Service Epworth is committed to the provision of excellent customer service to all of our people, customers and stakeholders including patients and external suppliers. Superior patient service leads to improved healing in a trusting, caring environment and creates a safe environment for patients and employees. Provide excellent, helpful service to patients, visitors and staff Communicate with clear and unambiguous language in all interactions, tailored to the audience Build customer relationships and greet customers and patients promptly and courteously Actively seek to understand patients' and their family's (customers) expectations and issues	• Patient and customer service satisfaction surveys within agreed targets • Use AIDET principles in all interactions • Issues are escalated to the manager and resolved in a timely manner • Patients are given the opportunity to actively participate in their treatment planning and implementation • Compliments recorded on Riskman • Consistently meet or exceeds the expectations of our patients and customers at all times • Awareness of Epworth HealthCare's complaints process and assistance provided to patients if required

7. Position Requirements/Key Selection Criteria

COMPONENT	
Qualifications	**Essential** • Bachelor of Nutrition and Dietetics or equivalent degree • Eligible for full membership of the Dietitians Australia (DA) • Eligible for Accredited Practising Dietitian (APD) Program

	Desirable • Working towards a relevant Post Graduate qualification
Previous Experience	**Essential** • Demonstrated previous experience as a Dietitian **Desirable** • Relevant experience in a hospital, rehabilitation or community setting
Required Knowledge & Skills	**Essential** • Well-developed expertise in assessment, intervention and discharge planning • Demonstrated skill in working as a member of a team and liaising, collaborating and negotiating with other service providers and agencies, patient's families and carers • Excellent verbal and written communication and presentation skills • Innovative, proactive and creative attitude to problem solving • Ability to constructively supervise and educate junior staff and students • Well-developed organisational skills • Demonstrated ability to interact and collaborate with all members of a multidisciplinary team • Excellent computer literacy including MS Office Word & Excel • Knowledge and understanding of the National Standards and ACHS Accreditation Standards • Demonstrated knowledge of community resources and services • Demonstrated customer service focus in service provision and evaluation **Desirable** • Skills in conflict resolution and ability to manage challenging behaviour • Knowledge of medico-legal and health and safety issues as they relate to health care • Ability to drive a motor vehicle and holds a full current driver's licence

Personal Attributes & Values All employees are expected to consistently work in accordance with Epworth's values and behaviours Compassion Accountability Respect Excellence	**Essential** • Belief in patient centred care • Ability to work autonomously • Sensitive to the psychosocial implications of illness • Sensitive to cultural, racial and gender differences • Helpful and professional manner • Professional work ethic • Practice within the ethos of the Epworth HealthCare Values and Behaviours • Act as a role model for junior staff • Flexibility to assist others within the department and across sites as required **Desirable** • Flexible and available to be on call and to work weekends as required

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March 2023	November 2026	Manager, Speech Pathology & Dietetics Continuing Care & Support Services

8. Employee Position Declaration

I have read and understand the requirements and expectations of the above Position Description. I agree that I have the physical ability to fulfil the inherent physical requirements of the position, and accept my role in fulfilling the Key Accountabilities. I understand that the information and statements in this position description are intended to reflect a general overview of the responsibilities and are not to be interpreted as being all-inclusive.

Employee Signature: _____

Print Name: _____ Date: _____