Transfer of Innovation - Leonardo Programme 2010

Vocational Education in Disinfection and Sterilisation

Granted a funding of €341,575 by the EU Commission

Project period 1 Oct. 2011 - 30 Nov. 2013
PARTNERS
The branch, educational organizers, authorities, infection control
PRE MEETINGS

Göteborg 2009

Oslo 2010

- Guidelines are drawn

- Workpackages structured and work package leaders appointed

- All members had mandate to act
FIRST PROJECT MEETING IN HELSINKI

Project kick-off
Meeting with EU representatives

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*GANTT Diagram*

Lifelong Learning Programme

VEDAS
THE OBJECTIVE

To create a mutual transparent curriculum for sterile technician educations, in order to provide equal competence and enable work practice and employment across borders.

The curriculum will include modules with educational methods and literature, tutor criteria, examination criteria and validation criteria for our seven countries.

All documents will be in English.
3 YEARS LATER

• A lot of hard work ....

• Some compromises – national laws, financial resources

• We have a complete document, approved by partners and recognized by the EU Commissionen
CONTENT

• Terms and Definitions
• Educational Methods and Materials
• Examination Criteria
• Tutor Criteria
• Validation Criteria
Countries have individual healthcare system and regulations.

To avoid misunderstandings and different interpretations it is important to standardize terms and phrases used, to facilitate communication.

**Specification:**

1.1 **Accreditation** – Action what gives an authority or sanction to someone or something, when recognized standards have been met

1.2 **Assessment** - The act of assessing, especially the evaluation of a student’s achievements on a course

1.3 **Assessor** – Person, appointed to evaluate and judge another person work, by means of testing and/or observation

1.4 **Authorisation** - Official permission or approval
EDUCATIONAL METHODS AND MATERIALS

5 modules - theoretical and practical parts

- **General Subjects – 8 credits** (microbiology, science, anatomy, environment and sustainable development, occupational health and safety, basic computer skills etc)

- Cleaning and Disinfection - 26,5 credits

- Inspection, Assembly and Packaging of Medical Devices - 21,5 credits

- Sterilisation - 20,5 credits

- Oral Healthcare - 3,5 credits

Total of 80 Cr = 60 weeks
EXAMINATION CRITERIA

• The approved outcome of the education is to obtain degree standards, comparable and compatible throughout Europe (the Bologna Declaration)

The European Qualifications Framework (EQF)

• Relates to different countries’ national qualifications systems to a common European framework- 8 reference levels
• EQF sterile technicians is a minimum of EQF Level 4
TUTOR CRITERIA

• Research has proven the importance of ensuring that student learns from the most effective tutors possible

• Necessary to continuously provide high quality training

• An evaluation system for tutors

Qualification requirements

• Main tutors
• Employed experts
• Invited experts
VALIDATION CRITERIA

Guidelines allow individuals to validate their competencies

- Individuals with prior work experience as sterile technicians
- Individuals with experience in the healthcare sector
- Individuals with formal, non-formal and informal learning the field

The validation is done before studies commence

VEDAS provides examples for users
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POST MEETING

• In 2015- feed back and evaluation is planned

• Continuation and the future activities
INVITATION FROM BRUSSELS

Final Conference in Brussels 21 November, 2013

• EU Commission

• Sweden’s permanent delegation and Health Counsellor
CROSS CONNECTION

Assuring high-quality healthcare across the European Union is an important topic and the education of sterile technicians is highly linked to this. In both the European Parliament and the European Commission cross-border healthcare is a current subject of discussion.

In July 2013, the European Parliament adopted the European Commission’s proposal for a decision on serious cross-border threats to health. The adoption of this proposal is a big step forward in improving health security in the European Union. .... during the autumn of 2013, the European Parliament will vote on the Dagmar Roth-Behrendt report proposing for a regulation on medical devices and the MDD.
and.....

It is approved by.....

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