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Assignment brief

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Brief

A 54-year-old patient is visiting your practice for an eye examination which will include pre-screening tests. The patient is struggling with using their visual display unit (VDU) with their current single vision reading glasses.

Task

You must assist the optometrist with the assessment of the patient by completing the following:

1(a) Prepare for pre-screen tests including:

- greeting the patient
- confirming the patient's details

1(b)(i) auto-refractor and non-contact tonometry test

1(b)(ii) routine visual field test

1(b)(iii) focimetry measurement

1(c) Conclude the pre-screen tests by completing the following:

- updating the patient's records
- completing the handover record form and passing to the optometrist
- preparing the pre-screen room for future use

(58 marks)

Student information

- task 1 must be completed in supervised conditions
- the total time permitted for this task is 30 minutes
- the total number of marks available for this assessment is 58 marks; these are split as follows:
 - 16 marks for communication skills across all task parts, that is inclusive of all available marks from task 1(a)
 - 12 marks for knowledge, understanding, and practical skills from task 1(b)(i)
 - 12 marks for knowledge, understanding, and practical skills from task 1(b)(ii)
 - 12 marks for knowledge, understanding, and practical skills from task 1(b)(iii)
 - 6 marks for task 1(c)

Student guidance

- this assignment is a practical skills assessment (PSA) that will simulate a real-world scenario experienced by optical assistants. For this assignment, you will be observed by an assessor who will be making notes on your performance throughout, which will be supported by an audio-visual recording for marking and quality purposes
- an actor will play the role of the patient and will be briefed with all the relevant information required for this assessment
- an actor will play the role of the optometrist and will be briefed with all the relevant information required for this assessment
- you have 5 minutes to familiarise yourself with your optical practice assessment area – during this time, you will be able to ask questions related to the layout of your optical practice assessment area, including the location of the specific resources such as required pre-screen test equipment and appropriate accessories (including confirming they are ready for use), the waiting area for patients, an appropriate computer or laptop with the relevant patient record form documents, infection control equipment and appropriate waste disposal areas. This time will not count towards the total permitted time for this task
- once you have confirmed you are ready to begin, or the 5-minute preparation time has elapsed, the patient will be prompted to enter the room/area and the assessment will begin
- you will have access to a patient record form and handover form
- you should note the test results and/or values as you progress through the pre-screen tests, but you will detail these in the handover form in task 1(c)

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