







Segment: Health & Nutrition

Job Role: Lactation consultant

:	Interviewer	to	fill	in

Interview checklist							
Role Description	Practitioner specializing in providing education and management to prevent and solve breastfeeding problems and to encourage a social environment that effectively supports the breastfeeding mother and infant						
Typical roles and responsibilities	<ul> <li>Educate pregnant women about the importance of breastfeeding process for infant's well-being</li> <li>Evaluate expectant mothers to determine any potential problems that could arise with breastfeeding their infant</li> <li>Provide information about a number of issues related to feeding infants, such as physical deformities that affect the infant's ability to nurse effectively</li> <li>Communicate with Pediatricians and Obstetricians to improve lactation support for mothers who elect to breastfeed</li> <li>Help mothers in the transitions back to work by teaching them how to maintain milk supplies</li> </ul>						
Key Competency	Science and pract	Science and practice supporting holistic early childhood development					
Proficiency Descriptor	<ul> <li>Understand impact of early years and importance of addressing child's holistic development</li> <li>Apply evidence-based strategies for promoting child and family development (incl. appropriate use of technology)</li> <li>Demonstrate understanding of individual differences and fluctuations in children's development and learning that must be responded to reflectively and appropriately</li> <li>Use appropriate tools and techniques to assess child development; organizing results so information can be used for further assessment and planning purposes in providing timely care and interventions</li> <li>Interact with kindness, warmth, and care, expressing respect, appreciation and understanding of individual needs, creating a healthy, welcoming, and age-appropriate environments for them</li> <li>Understand and demonstrate respect for processes, protocols, and procedures for protecting privacy and confidentiality of the children, respective families, and colleagues</li> </ul>						
Evidence for ability & knowledge	Please indicate evidence provided by candidate on proficiency from previous work experience, education & research						
Rating Scale	1 Adverse Evidence	2 No Evidence	3 Some Evidence	4 Sufficient Evidence	5 Strong Evidence		















		С	В	Α	A+		
Interviewer's Rating		Major gaps which may derail overall	Minor gaps with potential to	Proficient	Strongly Proficient		
		performance	improve				
Key Competency	Child wellness: health, nutrition, and safety						
Proficiency Descriptor	<ul> <li>Familiar with science regarding healthy early childhood development and use of strategies with children and their parents to support physical growth, emotional well-being, and adequate nutrition</li> <li>Understand the influence of adverse childhood experiences on life-long health and social consequences</li> <li>Familiar with child protection laws, policies and protocols for reporting child neglect, abuse, exploitation or exposure to violence; taking adequate actions when children are under similar kinds of threat</li> <li>Aware of safety issues that affect children and factors and practices that reduce or increase risk to child safety and able to provide first aid / CPR procedures</li> <li>Promote home and community safety in partnership with parents across all spaces to prevent unintentional injuries, disease, or death of the child</li> </ul>						
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Key Competency	Family and community						
Proficiency Descriptor	<ul> <li>Understand the critical importance of the family environment (physical, social) for child's wellbeing overall development, functioning, and learning</li> <li>Aware of the importance of high-quality interactions between parents and the child, and between practitioners and parents; able to interact with parents in a timely, transparent, respectful, and accountable manner</li> <li>Establish relationships with parents based on mutual understanding, trust, and cooperation; using effective strategies to engage family members with diverse backgrounds using a variety of ways to communicate (e-mail, phone)</li> <li>Listen to and involve parents in all decisions regarding the child's safety, healthy development, and learning; creates opportunities for parents to strengthen their parental skills</li> </ul>						















	<ul> <li>Aware of community resources to support child and family development and functioning and accordingly able to partner effectively with key stakeholders</li> </ul>					
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Key Competency	Diversity and inclu	ısion				
Proficiency Descriptor	<ul> <li>Treat all children and their families with fairness, empathy, understanding, dignity, and respect; understanding how discrimination based on diversity can impact lives and prospects of children</li> <li>Adapt practices, communication and services to reflect each child's and family's characteristics, strengths, beliefs and special needs</li> <li>Use different strategies to make each child and family feel welcomed and respected regardless of their background, language, socio-economic status, ability or gender</li> <li>Address own biases toward children, families and communities to avoid stereotypical or judgmental reactions and to advance child's development</li> </ul>					
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Key Competency Professionalism and professional growth						
<ul> <li>Identify proudly as an ECD professional and promote professional and personal integrity in all interactions, while aware of relevant professional code of conduct for their profession, if applicable</li> <li>Use professional competencies and standards for ECD practitioners as guidance for own professional development and as a continuous learning process</li> </ul>						















	<ul> <li>Familiar with effective and evidence-based strategies and tools for improving the quality of their practice and aware of Abu Dhabi's ECD practitioner competencies and standards</li> <li>Apply information from professional meetings, seminars, workshops, as well as print and digital resources to stay abreast of and deepen professional knowledge</li> </ul>					
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Rating Scale	1 2 3 4 5 Adverse Evidence No Evidence Some Evidence Sufficient Evidence Strong Evidence					
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Key Competency	Coordination acro	ss practitioner role	s and professional	settings		
Proficiency Descriptor	<ul> <li>Cooperate and coordinate with others to facilitate children's and families' access and transition to services to support overall child and family development and well-being</li> <li>Familiar with variety of practitioner roles across ECD services; cooperating and coordinating with them for joint planning, service delivery and evaluation of outcomes to support child and family development and well-being</li> <li>Demonstrate collegiality and is respectful of each other's functions, responsibilities, strengths, skills, and expertise when working with other practitioners</li> </ul> Please indicate evidence provided by candidate on proficiency from previous work experience,					
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Key Competency	UAE culture and heritage					
Proficiency Descriptor	<ul> <li>Aware of the UAE's heritage, culture, and Islamic values; demonstrating appreciation and respect in interactions</li> <li>Aware of the diverse cultures, religions, traditions, ethnicities, and races that live in the UAE, showing sensitivity while communicating and engaging with the UAE community and promoting core values</li> </ul>					















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