

Reference Number	10673
Position Title	Aboriginal Counsellor - Targeted position
Employment Type	Fixed Term Full Time
Department	Methamphetamine
Location	Darlinghurst, NSW
Enterprise Agreement	The Named NSW (Non-Declared) Affiliated Health Organisations' Professional & Associated Staff Agreement 2009
Position Grade	Counsellor Level 1 to Level 2
Salary	\$59,681.85 to \$86,465.11
Hours per Week	38



### Position Summary

A position exists in the above unit for a highly motivated Aboriginal Counsellors with appropriate knowledge and skills to join our friendly and supportive team in the Methamphetamine.

These positions will assist SVHNS Alcohol and Drug Services and staff in improving culturally sensitive care and pathways for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and be will be required to build and maintain relationships with a range of Aboriginal workforces and organisations.

*These are a Targeted positions in accordance with Policy Directive (PD2016\_053) NSW Health Good Health - Great Jobs: Aboriginal Workforce Strategic Framework 2016 – 2020. Priority is given to suitable Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants who meet the selection criteria. Confirmation of Aboriginality will be required.*

These positions require a Working With Children Check (WWCC) issued by the Office of the Children's Guardian. For more information on how to apply for the clearance, please visit the Office of the Children's Guardian website [www.kids.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/new-working-with-children-check](http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/new-working-with-children-check)

The vacancy is open to Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens who hold a valid New Zealand passport, Australian permanent residents and those non-residents deemed by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship to be eligible to work in Australia only.

### Application Instructions:

St Vincent's Health Network Sydney is committed to reconciliation and encourages Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people to apply for all advertised positions.

All applicants are required to address the Selection Criteria in their application and should include two referees in their application. Please address your application to the Contact Person listed.

### About St Vincent's Health Network Sydney:

St Vincent's Health Network Sydney is made up of three public hospitals, St Vincent's Hospital Sydney, Sacred Heart Health Service and St Joseph's Hospital at Auburn. We are part of St Vincent's Health Australia, the largest diversified health care organisation within Australia's not for profit Catholic health care sector. As a Catholic health and aged care service provider, our mission is to bring God's love to those in need through the healing ministry of Jesus, with a commitment to those who are poor and vulnerable.

We are committed to equal employment opportunity, ethical practices, and the principles of cultural diversity and promote a smoke free work environment. Appropriate criminal record and child protection are checks conducted for all successful candidates. Employment with St Vincent's is subject to you having current immunity status that complies with the Assessment, Screening & Vaccination against Specified Infectious Diseases - Policy Directive Immunisation history complies with NSW Health Policy Directive PD2011\_005. Appointment and ongoing employment will be subject to continued compliance with the policy directive.

### Selection Criteria

- Personal integrity and demonstrated commitment to the Philosophy, Mission and Values of Mary Aikenhead Ministries
- To be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background. An applicant's race is a genuine occupation qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW). Confirmation of Aboriginality will be required.

- Knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures as well as an understanding of the health and welfare needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- Demonstrated experience in working constructively with Aboriginal communities and personnel
- Relevant tertiary qualifications in psychology, social work or other relevant behavioural sciences and eligibility for membership of the relevant professional association
- Demonstrated ability to communicate with Aboriginal people on sensitive matters
- Demonstrated clinical experience including assessment, brief interventions and counselling of clients with drug and alcohol problems and co-existing mental health issues along with demonstrated understanding of harm reduction and strengths based approaches in working with substance use
- Demonstrated high level written, verbal communication and interpersonal skills, along with high level computer skills including Microsoft Office and Patient Record Systems.

**Contact Person** Peter Middleton  
**Contact Number** (02) 8382 1069  
**Closing Date** 25/04/2017

**For further information and to submit an application, please visit our website:**

<https://stvincentshealthnetworksydney.mercury.com.au/ViewPosition.aspx?id=0e1n2X1euB0=&jbc=ere>