

Aboriginal Health Liaison Officer (AHLO)

Permanent Part Time
Frankston Hospital



Peninsula
Health

About Peninsula Health

Peninsula Health provides public healthcare services to residents of the Mornington Peninsula.

Our hospitals and emergency departments are located at Frankston and Rosebud, and we provide a wide range of community health, dental, rehabilitation, mental health, palliative care and aged care services from campuses at Frankston, Hastings, Mornington and Rosebud.

Person centred care is at the heart of everything we do, guided by our values of Services, Integrity, Compassion, Respect and Excellence.

Peninsula Health is a major metropolitan healthcare network providing acute, sub-acute, mental health and extensive community services to a population of over 300,000 people. The organisation has experienced significant growth in recent years and services a diverse community comprising over 300,000 people in Frankston and the Mornington Peninsula.

The organisation has over 5200 staff and 800 volunteers. With proposed developments and growth in teaching and research the workforce is expected to grow to over 6000 in the next ten years.

Peninsula Health's mission to "Build a Healthy Community In Partnership" recognises the importance of partnerships with local providers that assist with the provision of services to our local community and tertiary providers that provide specialist services not currently delivered by Peninsula Health.

For more information on Peninsula Health please feel welcome to visit our website <http://www.peninsulahealth.org.au/>

Position Summary

This position is open to candidates of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin. This action/activity constitutes a special measure under section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010.

The Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer (AHLO) provides supportive contact to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients, their families and health professionals across Peninsula Health. The AHLO provides face to face, on-site assistance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients and their families attending all treatment services at Peninsula as required.

The AHLO's are integral in improving the ability of Peninsula Health to meet the particular need of the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander patients and their families and to reduce their presentation to hospital through holistic clinical and non-clinical assessment whilst increasing the cultural sensitivity of healthcare services and providers to Aboriginal health issues.

Key Responsibilities

- Work in partnership with staff and other primary healthcare providers to deliver services that improve healthcare pathways for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) peoples across Frankston and the Mornington Peninsula.
- Participates in planning for culturally appropriate, effective and timely discharge from the hospital.
- Actively encourages and supports clients/families/community to engage in community supports which maximize health gain's such as attending scheduled appointments and treatments.
- Act as a link to Peninsula Health's Aboriginal and Community Services and external mainstream and Aboriginal community supports and services.

- The AHLO also work's to establish and maintain positive relationships with the Victorian Aboriginal community, other service providers, and government departments.

Essential Criteria

- Of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin. This action/activity constitutes a special measure under section 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010.
- Eligible for AHPRA registration as an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health practitioner
- A sound knowledge and understanding of Victorian Aboriginal culture, society and kinship networks, as well as the ability to communicate with, and be accepted by, the local Aboriginal community.
- Well-developed interpersonal skills, written and verbal, and the ability to develop and maintain communications with Aboriginal communities, other hospital staff, other mainstream agencies, and government departments.
- Ability to assist in the development of strategies and guidelines for programs that could improve access to mainstream services by the Aboriginal community.
- Demonstrated ability to capture and work with statistical data and information, in particular patient statistics.
- An understanding of Aboriginal health issues at a local and state level.
- The ability to work as a member of a team with a range of community and professional groups
- Current driver's licence.

Benefits

- Generous Salary Packaging - maximise an employee's net salary by directing some of their pre-tax salary to pay for certain benefit items, such as rent, personal loan or mortgage
- Parking – On-site, low cost parking facilities at all sites
- Beautiful Mornington Peninsula location
- Career development opportunities
- Supportive team environment

How to apply

To apply for this position via Seek, please click on 'Apply for this Position' which will re-direct you to our careers page. From our Careers page, to apply or to continue with your application from Seek please click on 'Apply Now' and follow the below steps to finalise your application:

Other Information

Ensuring the health and safety of our patients, visitors and staff is at the heart of everything we do. As part of this commitment, all new members of our team must complete a National Criminal History Records Check, meet the immunisation requirements of their role and demonstrate evidence of current work rights to work in Australia prior to commencement.

You may also be required to provide a Working With Children Check card. To find out more about our quality employment standards and to prepare your application to join our team.

Peninsula Health believes in the strength of a diverse and inclusive workforce where each person's uniqueness is valued. Peninsula Health believes that by embracing the diverse life experiences and perspectives of our people, we will provide high-quality health care to all members of our community – regardless of gender, age, ethnicity, cultural background, disability, religion or sexual orientation.

Closing Date: 26/06/2019

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