

Aboriginal Sexual Assault Counsellor

Location: Westmead Hospital
Classification: Counsellor Level 3, Psychologist, Sexual Assault Worker Level 3, Social Worker Level 3
Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time
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Purpose of position:

The Integrated Violence Prevention & Response Service (IVPRS) is responsible for strategic leadership, clinical service provision and capacity building for the portfolio areas of sexual assault, domestic violence and child protection.

The WSAS Aboriginal Sexual Assault counsellor is responsible for the provision of specialist therapeutic and case management services to adult and adolescent victims of sexual assault and their non-offending family members, including the provision of crisis counselling & support and facilitation of forensic/medical services as required.

The Aboriginal Sexual Assault counsellor is a key position in establishing trust and building relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients and community, and violence, abuse and neglect services in WSLHD.

Essential Criteria:

Licence: Current NSW Driver's Licence.
Qualifications: Tertiary qualification (minimum bachelor's degree) in Social Work, Psychology, Counselling or Graduate Certificate in Human & Community Services (Interpersonal Trauma) with demonstrated cultural expertise.
Evidence of Diversity claim: Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

Selection Criteria:

1. This is an identified Aboriginal Position. Applicants must be of Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander descent, have demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander cultures and have established links with their local Aboriginal community. An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and exemption is claimed under Section 14d of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977, NSW*.
2. Tertiary qualification (minimum bachelor's degree) in Social Work, Psychology, Counselling or Graduate Certificate in Human & Community Services (Interpersonal Trauma) with demonstrated cultural expertise.
3. Demonstrated counselling experience with Aboriginal individuals or families who have experienced sexual assault or other forms of interpersonal violence and ability to provide culturally responsive counselling services.
4. Demonstrated high level assessment, case formulation, intervention planning (including case management) and counselling skills with children, young people and adults, with capacity to draw on a wide range of therapeutic modalities.
5. Demonstrated high level understanding of the inter-related dynamics and effects of sexual assault, physical abuse and neglect and domestic violence and a commitment to integrated models for working with clients who have experienced trauma and abuse.
6. Knowledge and understanding of current policies and legislation relating to sexual assault and other forms of interpersonal violence and knowledge of legal systems involved in sexual assault service provision.
7. Highly developed interpersonal, written and verbal communication skills and demonstrated capacity to work with in partnership with others.
8. Valid unrestricted drivers' licence for use in NSW/Australia and willingness to travel in the course of employment.

Closing Date: 20 July 2025

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to [Career Portal](#) and search Job Reference Number [REQ580819](#)