

Aboriginal Perinatal Mental Health Clinician

Location: Westmead

Classification: Aboriginal Perinatal Mental Health Clinician - Counsellor Level 1/2, Occupational Therapist Level 1/ 2, Psychologist, Registered Nurse, Social Worker Level 1/ 2

Employment Status: Permanent Part-Time

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Purpose of position:

The Westmead Mother and Baby Unit is a new specialist inpatient mental health facility designed to provide assessment and treatment for women with severe mental health problems in pregnancy and up until a child is one year old. The Mother Baby Unit provides innovative, holistic and best practice multidisciplinary care that is parent and infant centred, family and carer inclusive, and culturally sensitive.

The Aboriginal Mental Health Clinician has a key role in the care, welfare and assistance of Aboriginal people accessing mental health services, both in the hospital setting and within the community. This position is based at Westmead Mother Baby Unit and forms part of a multidisciplinary service. The Aboriginal Mental Health Clinician will assist in the planning and implementation of any admission, treatment, case management, referral, discharge and follow up for Aboriginal people utilising the Mother Baby Unit.

The Mother Baby Unit is a State-wide Unit meaning that referrals will be accepted from across NSW. Therefore, the Aboriginal Mental Health Clinician may be required to facilitate communication with services outside of the Local Health District.

Essential Criteria:

Qualifications: Bachelors degree in Nursing/ Psychology/ Social Work/ Occupational Therapy or Health Science (Mental Health -Djirruwang Graduate).

Registration: Full Registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Agency (AHPRA) as a Registered Nurse/ Psychologist/ Occupational Therapist or for Social Workers eligibility for membership with the Australian Association of Social Workers.

Selection Criteria:

1. Be Female and of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent (pursuant to Section 14 (d) and Section 31 of the *Anti-discrimination Act NSW 1977*).
2. Demonstrated understanding of the impact of mental illness in the perinatal timeframe.
3. Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the local Aboriginal community and knowledge of the Aboriginal concept of social and emotional wellbeing, including an understanding of Aboriginal family structure and Aboriginal culture and wisdom.
4. Demonstrated understanding of the social, psychological, and financial implications of hospitalisation for Aboriginal consumers.
5. Demonstrated understanding of the principles and application of child protection guidelines within NSW Health.
6. Ability to work both autonomously and as a member of a multidisciplinary team, always working within the scope of registration and role, including ability to prioritise own workload.
7. Have effective written and verbal communication skills with a demonstrated competency in use of computerised administration systems.
8. Hold a current NSW Driver's Licence.

Closing Date: 7 December 2023

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to [Career Portal](#) and search Job Reference Number [REQ440380](#)