

Aboriginal Mental Health Clinician

Department: Western Sydney Local Health District

Location: Adult Community Mental Health Service - Embark Building at Blacktown Hospital

Classification: Registered Nurse, Social Worker Level 1/ Level 2, Occupational Therapist Level 1/ Level 2, Psychologist, Counsellor (Djirruwang Graduate) Level 1/ Level 2

Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time

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Purpose of position:

The Aboriginal Mental Health Clinician has an important role in the care, welfare and assistance of Aboriginal people accessing mental health services, both in the hospital setting and within the community. The Aboriginal Mental Health Clinician will work within the WSLHD Aboriginal Mental Health Team and ensure that Aboriginal consumers and their families receive a respectful and culturally responsive and appropriate service. The Aboriginal Mental Health Clinician will provide clinical support and interventions to the consumer and the family. They will assist with accessing other services relevant to the needs of the person being supported. 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 mental health services.

Essential Criteria:

Checks: National Police Check and the Working with Children Check

Qualification: bachelor's degree in nursing / Psychology / Social Work / Occupational Therapy/ Bachelor of Health Science (Mental Health –Djirruwang Graduate)

Registration: Full Registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) as Registered Nurse / Psychology / Occupational Therapy; or for Social Workers, eligibility for membership with the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW)

Evidence of Diversity claim if applicable (state which category): Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander

Selection Criteria:

1. Be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent (pursuant to Section 14 (d) of the *Anti-discrimination Act NSW 1977*)
2. Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the local Aboriginal community and knowledge of the Aboriginal concept of social and emotional wellbeing including and understanding of Aboriginal family structure and Aboriginal culture and wisdom
3. Demonstrated understanding of the social, psychological and financial implications of hospitalisation for Aboriginal consumers
4. Demonstrated understanding of the principles and application of child protection guidelines within NSW Health
5. Demonstrated ability to work both autonomously and as a member of a multidisciplinary team, working within scope of role at all times including ability to plan and prioritise own workload
6. Possess effective written and verbal communication skills, with demonstrated competency in the use of computer-based administration systems
7. Current Drivers Licence valid within Australia.

Closing Date: 25 April 2022

Applications must be lodged electronically. Please go to healthnswgov.referrals.selectminds.com and search Job Reference Number [REQ297284](#)