

Aboriginal Access & Support Worker

Limited Term Part Time

Mornington

Reference Number: 26579



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.

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

Position Summary

The Outreach Program is seeking an Access & Support Worker experienced in working with people who are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander who are older or with a disability and assisting their access into health, welfare and social activities. This is a fixed term part time position 48 hours per fortnight. Persons who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander are strongly encouraged to apply.

The Peninsula Health Access and Support Program is HACC/CHSP funded and has a focus on those individuals who are older and/or have a disability within the Local Government areas of Frankston and the Mornington Peninsula Shire.

The Aboriginal Access and Support Program is integrated into the Community Health Mobile Integrated Health (MI Health) Team which includes, the Community Connections (Homelessness Program), Community Nursing and Case Management in SRS's and Rooming Houses.

The position supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with complex care issues by managing, supporting and linking them into appropriate services and programs to improve social and emotional wellbeing and improve health outcomes.

This position has a strong client advocacy focus and a primary function of assisting clients to navigate and access the health, housing and the welfare system.

Key Responsibilities

- The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Access and Support Worker will coordinate the successful engagement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) people into Peninsula Health programs and external services.
- Engage a broad range Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people via assertive outreach across the community and in settings such as the gathering places
- Engage and work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff and stakeholders to ensure optimal outcomes for clients.

Essential Criteria

- Demonstrated understanding and commitment to Victorian aboriginal health and aboriginal culture
- Relevant tertiary qualifications in Allied Health, Community Services, Community Development or Nursing.

- Experience and understanding of the issues and impact of the health and social issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Substantial experience in working with complex clients in community-based services, in the homelessness sector or mental health, disability or drug and alcohol areas.

Please refer to the Position Description for more information.

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
- Supportive team environment

How to apply

To apply for this position via Seek, please click on the **web link button** at the bottom of the ad 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 please visit:

<https://www.peninsulahealth.org.au/careers/working-preparing-employment/>

Peninsula Health is committed to providing positive employment opportunities and outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and welcome employment applications from candidates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background.

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.

Peninsula Health ensures the safety and wellbeing of Victorians living with a disability and will conduct an additional pre-employment check prior to making an offer of employment to a potential employee. This safeguard strengthens existing pre-employment screening processes to better protect people with disability who access disability services.

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