

Aboriginal Sexual Assault Counsellor IVPRS

Location: Western Sydney Local Health District

Classification: Social Worker Level 3, Counsellor Level 3, Sexual Assault Worker Level 3, Psychologist

Location: Blacktown – Community Health Centre

Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time

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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 Aboriginal Sexual Assault counsellor is responsible for the provision of specialist therapeutic and case management services to adult and child 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:

Qualification: Tertiary qualification in Social Work, Psychology or Counselling

Registration: Eligibility for appropriate professional registration (AHPRA) for Psychology or association membership

Being Female and Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander are genuine occupational qualifications for this position as described under Sections 31 and 14 (d) of the *Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW)*.

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 degree) in Social Work, Psychology, Counselling or Mental Health and eligibility for appropriate professional registration or association membership.
3. Demonstrated counselling experience in complex trauma and trauma informed practice within a Violence, Abuse & Neglect setting (e.g. sexual assault, child protection or domestic violence services).
4. Demonstrated high level assessment, case formulation, intervention planning (including case management) and counselling skills with children, young people and adults, with a 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. Current driver's license valid in Australia and willingness to use for work purposes.

Applications Close: 10 March 2021

Applications must be lodged electronically.

Please go to healthnsw.gov.referrals.selectminds.com and search Job Reference Number REQ201435.

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