

# **Position Description**

| Position Title             | Clinical Registrar Psychologist   |
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| Position Number            | 30009024  |
| Division                   | Clinical Operations   |
| Department                 | Mental Health   |
| Enterprise Agreement       | Victorian Public Health Sector (Medical Scientists, Pharmacists & Psychologists) Enterprise Agreement 2021 – 2025   |
| Classification Description | Psychologist Clinical Registrar   |
| Classification Code        | PK1- PK4  |
| Reports to                 | Unit manager (Operationally), Director of Psychology (Professionally)   |
| Management Level           | Non Management  |
| Staff Capability Statement | Please click here for a link to staff capabilities statement  |
| Mandatory Requirements     | <ul> <li>National Police Record Check</li> <li>Working with Children Check</li> <li>Registration with Professional Regulatory Body or relevant Professional Association</li> <li>Immunisation Requirements</li> </ul> |

# Bendigo Health

Bendigo Health is a leading regional health service, learn more about us by visiting our website: <u>Bendigo Health Website - About Bendigo Health</u>

Our organisation is a child safe organisation, committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults, children and families will be supported to express and be proud of their culture in an environment that is culturally safe and supported.

#### **Our Vision**

Excellent Care. Every Person. Every Time.

#### **Our Values**

CARING - We care for our community,

PASSIONATE – We are passionate about doing our best,

TRUSTWORTHY - We are open, honest and respectful

#### The Position

The Clinical Psychologist Registrar Program provides an opportunity for newly qualified Psychologists to make the transition to professional practice in a structured and supported two-year program. The program is designed to provide opportunities for qualified, entry-level health professionals to gain mental health

expertise and consolidate both theoretical and practical skills in a range of settings. Each registrar is offered twelve-month clinical rotations in either Adult, Youth, and Child and Adolescent Community to facilitate an expansion of skills and experience through movement across inpatient and community services. The program aims to support new graduates during their first 24 months of professional practice to develop the skills, knowledge, applied experience and values to become an effective member of the Mental Health and Wellbeing workforce.

### Responsibilities and Accountabilities

### **Key Responsibilities**

The new incumbent will develop, demonstrate and apply clinical competence through:

- Knowledge of the epidemiology, aetiology, assessment, diagnosis and management of individuals with mental illness using DSM 5 TR criteria
- Be familiar with the current evidence- based psychotherapies for high and low prevalent psychiatric disorders
- Willingness to participate in regular clinical supervision by a senior clinical psychologist and to participate in continued professional development as per APHRA and professional association guidelines
- Eligibility for membership of the psychologist's professional association (e.g. APS or ACPA) and abide by the ethical guidelines as laid down by the APS
- Some knowledge and application of psychometric assessment
- The registrar actively engages in formal training, regular supervision, reflective practice opportunities, on-the-job learning and development activities within the registrar program
- Working within the multi-disciplinary team, recognising and respecting the expertise and contribution of all team members
- Ensuring accurate documentation of patient records and statistics are maintained
- Assessing the need for and providing clinical treatment and health education for patients and their families/carers within the scope of practice for a beginning practitioner
- Contributing to relevant clinical team client reviews
- Actively participating in and satisfactorily completing all specific requirements of the registrar program competencies and assessment requirements and identifying continual learning needs through reflective practice
- Actively participating in the review of one's own performance development on an ongoing basis with
  the primary/secondary supervising psychologist and managers identifying key areas for professional
  and personal growth, closely following the clinical competency guidelines for registrarship, as
  required by AHPRA

# **Key Selection Criteria**

- A minimum of a Master's degree in Clinical Psychology and registration with AHPRA and the Psychology Board of Australia as a psychologist with an intention to undertake a registrarship in clinical psychology
- 2. Ability to integrate theory into practice and demonstrated application of a range of evidence based psychological therapies with knowledge of the theory and some ability to apply psychometric assessment instruments
- 3. Ability and willingness to learn and operate in an environment of change with a personal approach which demonstrates values such as caring, passionate and trustworthy

- 4. Knowledge and understanding of the key principles of the Mental Health and Wellbeing Act of Victoria 2022
- 5. Understanding of recovery orientated principles and awareness of the current issues, trends and research in mental health
- 6. Understanding of what it means to provide safe patient care in a multidisciplinary environment
- 7. Well-developed written, verbal and electronic communication, computer literacy and interpersonal skills

## **Generic Responsibilities**

All Bendigo Health staff are required to:

- Adhere to the Victorian Government's Code of Conduct
- Uphold **Occupational Health and Safety** responsibilities, including self-care, safeguarding others, and participating in safety initiatives and reporting.
- Comply with all **Bendigo Health policies and procedures**, including those related to clinical, managerial, and standard work practices.
- Follow Infection Control procedures to prevent cross-contamination and ensure the health and safety of all.
- Maintain strict confidentiality regarding all organisational, patient, and staff information.
- Engage in **continuous quality improvement** activities aligned with the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards (NSQHSS).
- Recognise and respect diversity, fostering inclusive practices in the workplace and service delivery.
- Staff must carry out all lawful and reasonable directions and comply with relevant professional standards and ethical codes.
- Safeguard children and young people in our care, by ensuring that your interactions are positive and safe, and report any suspicions or concerns of abuse by any person internal or external to Bendigo Health.
- Maintain ability to perform the inherent requirements of this role. Inherent requirements are the essential tasks necessary to perform this role, including reasonable adjustments. Bendigo Health is committed to a safe workplace that supports all employees. The role may require specific physical and cognitive abilities, which can be discussed with the manager during recruitment or at any time. We understand that personal circumstances can change and impact your ability to meet these requirements; additional policies are available to guide you through this process. Please request the relevant procedures for more information.

All Bendigo Health sites, workplaces and vehicles are smoke free.

This position description is intended to describe the general nature and level of work that is to be performed by the person appointed to the role. It is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties and skills required. Any elements of this document may be changed at Bendigo Health's discretion and activities may be added, removed or amended at any time.