

## JOB VACANCY – VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL HEALTH SERVICE



Position Title:	Psychologist
Location:	Preston (Melbourne)
Employment Status:	12 months Fixed Term
Reports To:	Clinical Coordinator

### About the Organisation

The Victorian Aboriginal Health Service (VAHS) was established in 1973 to address the specific medical needs of Victorian indigenous communities. The organisation has expanded steadily over past 40 years to provide a comprehensive range of medical, dental and social services for our community.

As well as providing a variety of medical services, VAHS is committed to supporting the well-being of the community through contributions to community events and activities. VAHS is also committed to assisting research into the ongoing needs of the community.

### About the Opportunity

The **Psychologist** will form part of the VAHS Family Counselling Services (FCS) multi-disciplinary team which includes other psychologists, counsellors, financial wellbeing workers, drug and alcohol workers, general practitioners and psychiatrists. The Psychologist will be part of an already established dynamic health service environment, and will be supported and informed by the VAHS Model of Care to develop and deliver comprehensive assessment and care coordination.

The **Psychologist role** is to provide assessment, diagnosis, case formulation and therapeutic treatment for referred clients experiencing mental health and/or social and emotional wellbeing difficulties that range from mild to moderate and severe impairment in functioning.

### Key Selection Criteria

To be considered for this role you must have the following;

- Understanding of and commitment to the Aboriginal community.
- Broad range of experience as a Psychologist in clinical settings working with adults
- Demonstrated experience in assessing and treating adults with complex mental health issues and histories of trauma
- Demonstrated familiarity with the Mental Health Act and a commitment to the principles of treatment for people with serious mental illness
- Demonstrated appreciation, understanding of, and sensitivity to, Aboriginal cultural values and approaches to mental health and Social and Emotional Wellbeing (SEWB)
- Well-developed skills in the theory and application of a range of counselling and treatment orientations. Demonstrated understanding of a holistic approach to mental health
- High level of interpersonal skills and demonstrated ability to successfully engage with clients, their carers, extended family members, members of the general community and other involved professionals
- Demonstrated capacity to work effectively as part of a multi-disciplinary team
- A professional standard of report writing and verbal and written skills.
- Capacity to work under pressure and develop creative and flexible solutions to complex problems
- Knowledge of, and demonstrated understanding and commitment to the principles of equity, diversity and occupational health and safety.

## **Qualifications, Licenses and Registrations**

- Degree or Post Graduate Diploma in Psychology, and current registration with the Psychology Board as part of Australian Health Practitioners Registration Association (AHPRA)
- Current Victorian driving license
- Current Working With Children check
- Current National police check

## **How to Apply**

Applications can be submitted to:

Employment@vahs.org.au before Monday 9am, 26th November 2018. Request for position description can be made via employment@vahs.org.au.