



VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL  
HEALTH SERVICE  
*Caring for the Community*

## Psychiatric Nurse | Preston

- Be part of a collaborative and supportive multi-disciplinary team
- 0.6 FTE – 3 days per week
- Rewarding experiences and generous employment conditions

### About the Organisation

The Victorian Aboriginal Health Service (VAHS) was established in 1973 to address the specific medical needs of Victorian Aboriginal communities. 2023 marks as a landmark year as VAHS proudly celebrate it's 50-year of providing 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.

VAHS is a child safe organisation, committed to child safety and wellbeing, and recruits' staff in accordance with the Child Safe Standards Victoria.

### About the Opportunity

The role of the **psychiatric nurse** is to work as part of the Adult Social and Emotional Wellbeing Team at VAHS Family Counselling to provide client care, education and support to members of the Aboriginal Community who have acute and chronic Mental illness and their family/careers.

### Key Selection Criteria

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

- Understanding of and Commitment to the Aboriginal community.
- Hold a post-graduate degree in Clinical Psychology and current registration as a psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia.
- APHRA Registration
- Demonstrate an understanding of and sensitivity to Aboriginal cultural values and approaches to mental health and community conceptualisations of emotional and psychological wellbeing.
- Have high level of interpersonal skills and demonstrated ability to effectively engage with Aboriginal children, young people, their carers, extended family members, and involved professionals.
- Have a good understanding of child development.
- Have a broad range of experience working as a psychologist with children, adolescents, and families.
- Hold well-developed skills in the theory and application of a range of counselling and therapy approaches to support children, adolescents, and their carers. This includes an understanding of attachment theory and trauma-informed therapeutic modalities.
- Be experienced in undertaking psychological assessments and producing psychological reports in a timely manner.
- Be able to work under pressure and develop creative and flexible solutions to complex problems.
- Demonstrate familiarity with the relevant legislation including the Children, Youth and Families Must have had a Covid-19 Vaccination Booster (3rd dose) prior to commencement

### How to Apply

You will need a resume and a tailored cover letter outlining your skills, experience, and suitability for the role. Please forward your application to [Employment@vahs.org.au](mailto:Employment@vahs.org.au) before Monday 5pm, 22 May 2023.