



**VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL
HEALTH SERVICE**
Caring for the Community

Financial Counsellor Trainee

Location: Preston (including outreach at the VAHS Fitzroy site)
Position: Permanent, Full-Time

- Full training and mentoring by Accredited Financial Counsellors.
- Salary packaging options available
- A supportive and culturally safe workplace.
- The chance to build a professional career while helping strengthen the Community.

About the Organisation

The Victorian Aboriginal Health Service (VAHS) was established in 1973 to address the specific medical needs of Victorian Aboriginal communities. 2023 marked a landmark year as VAHS proudly celebrated its 50th year of providing a comprehensive range of medical, dental, allied health and social services for our community.

As well as providing a variety of medical services, VAHS is committed to supporting the wellbeing 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 Role

VAHS is offering an exciting opportunity for a trainee Aboriginal Financial Counsellor to join our Financial Wellbeing team. This is an entry level role designed for learning on the job while you complete your Diploma of Financial Counselling. This opportunity is perfect for someone looking to build on existing qualifications, change their career direction, upskill or specialise in financial counselling.

What You'll Do (with guidance and training):

- Work one-on-one with clients to understand their money situation.
- Support people in financial crisis with debt and budget counselling.
- Help clients improve money management skills and decision-making.
- Build links with Community groups and other support services.
- Take part in outreach, workshops, and Community education.
- Be part of a supportive, multi-skilled team working together for better outcomes.

What We're Looking For:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.
- Lived experience candidates would be considered.
- Commitment to working with and for the Aboriginal Community.
- Tertiary qualifications, i.e Degree or Diploma
- Preparedness to enrol in and complete the Diploma of Financial Counselling (Scholarship available).
- Computer skills (Word, email, willingness to learn database entry).
- Ability to work as part of a team and build good relationships.
- A current driver's licence, Police Check, and Working with Children Check.

How to Apply:

Please send your application, which must include a cover letter and curriculum vitae, via employment@vahs.org.au before Sunday 9pm, 29 February 2026.

For this position, preference may be given to persons of Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander descent (as permitted under The Victorian Equal Opportunity Act 2010 s12: "A person may take a special measure for the purpose of promoting or realizing substantive equality for members of a group with a particular attribute").