



Mental Health Services Careers

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TASMANIA, AUSTRALIA

Exciting new professional horizons

Mental Health Services (MHS) has opportunities for mental health practitioners in a diverse range of settings throughout Tasmania, including community, inpatient and extended care – across the life span and in both urban and rural environments.

Our dynamic multidisciplinary teams provide an integrated, community-based service with a balance of specialist and generic skills across the following disciplines:

- Nursing
- Occupational Therapy
- Clinical Psychology
- Social Work
- Medicine.

Overview

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) provides hospital and community health services across the three health regions of Tasmania; South, North and North-West.

MHS provides an integrated service that is dedicated to delivering a quality service to people with mental illness. As a unit of the Department's Community Services Group, MHS works with consumers and their families to treat, support and manage mental health disorders to maximise mental health, well-being and quality of life for people with a mental illness.

MHS provides crisis assessment and treatment, intensive support, and community care and case management across Tasmania, as well as inpatient and outpatient services in three major rural and regional population centres.

All the services provided by MHS are based on a consumer-focussed recovery oriented framework in an assertive case-management model of care.

Our range of Mental Health Services

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

CAMHS assist children and adolescents up to age 18 with severe and complex mental illnesses or disorders.

Community-based specialist assessment and treatment services are provided from centres in the three regions and at outreach centres. Multidisciplinary teams work collaboratively with individuals, families, groups, schools, youth services and other organisations to provide evidence-based treatment and intervention programs. The focus is on assisting young people to recover from mental illnesses and disorders.

Paediatric wards in the state's three major hospitals – the Royal Hobart Hospital, the Launceston General Hospital and the North West Regional Hospital – are used when young people require inpatient assessment and/or treatment.

Adult Community Mental Health Services (ACMHS)

ACMHS forms the basis of our integrated mental health service. They deliver services to two groups of people:

- consumers with time-limited specialised needs, who can be referred to other services; and
- consumers who require ongoing specialist treatment, care and monitoring for more significant periods of time, including those requiring ongoing specialist care.

Adult Inpatient and Extended Treatment Mental Health Services (IETMHS)

The primary focus of IETMHS is to assist people – generally aged between 18 and 64 – who have a serious mental illness or disorder and need 24-hour care. Specialist services range from medical, nursing and allied health assessment and treatment on an inpatient basis, to long-term support and treatment in community-based facilities.

IETMHS includes:

- Acute Inpatient Units (inclusive of high dependency beds)
- Transitional Inpatient Unit (step up/down) (Southern Tasmania)
- Medium/long-term Adult Inpatient Unit (Southern Tasmania)
- Rehabilitation and Respite Unit (Southern Tasmania)
- Long-term Residential Rehabilitation Service (Northern and Southern Tasmania).

Older Persons Mental Health Services (OPMHS)

OPMHS assist people over 65 years of age who have a mental illness and includes:

- community outreach – multidisciplinary community assessment and treatment services
- in-reach services into aged care facilities
- inpatient service – 42 bed assessment and treatment service.

Working with us

We welcome enquiries regarding our employment opportunities.

Practitioners must meet the following requirements:

- Occupational Therapists and Social Workers must be eligible for membership of the relevant national professional organisation
- Psychologists must be registered with the Tasmanian Psychologists Registration Board
- Nurses must be registered with the Nursing Board of Tasmania
- Medical Practitioners must be registered with the Medical Council of Tasmania.

In addition, employees must be Australian citizens, have permanent resident status or have an appropriate visa that allows them to undertake paid employment in Australia. Assistance with visa and registration requirements may be given to successful applicants if required.

When you join us you can enjoy:

- a welcoming, friendly and supportive working environment
- strong professional and social networks
- ongoing opportunities for professional development
- opportunities to contribute to research
- an inclusive environment committed to the principles of equity and diversity
- an established career structure
- a comprehensive leave package that may include annual leave, sick leave (including carers/family leave), long service leave, study leave and conference leave for eligible employees
- salary sacrifice for superannuation
- relocation assistance for eligible employees.

Contacts

If it's career diversity, professional advancement and a fantastic lifestyle that you're after, look no further than Tasmania's Department of Health and Human Services.

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