

Position Description
Mental Health Professional
272311



Position Objective

To plan, deliver and evaluate discipline specific clinical services and community education activities across the designated area, in accordance with organisational and program funding guidelines.

Primary Roles and Responsibilities

<p>Discipline Specific Scope of Practice - Generalist</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide information on vocational, relationship, social and educational difficulties and issues, and work with people to help them to identify and define their emotional issues through therapies such as cognitive behaviour therapy, interpersonal therapy and other talking therapies. 2. Investigate, assess and provide treatment and counselling to foster optimal personal, social, educational and occupational adjustment and development. 3. Assess the social needs of individuals, families and groups, assists and empowers people to develop and use the skills and resources needed to resolve social and other problems, and furthers human wellbeing and human rights, social justice and social development. 4. Assist health and community groups to improve the health of individuals and the community by raising awareness of healthy lifestyles, disease and disability, and other health-related issues. 5. The position requires that the staff member completes a minimum number of client contacts per week or utilises a minimum of 80% of available work time with direct client contact. A maximum of 15% DNA rate.
<p>Generic Allied Health Requirements</p>	<p>NWRH is a community based Primary Health Care Organisation. A generalist scope of practice will be followed by all Allied Health Staff. Allied Health Staff are only to see clients with non- acute conditions that can effectively be managed in line with the frequency of visits and follow up resources available to NWRH staff. All acute conditions, or conditions which require intensive treatment to ensure best practise is met must be referred on to providers capable of delivering this service. Any exception to this would be subject to agreement between organisations and require specific credentialing of NWRH clinicians involved.</p> <p>In delivering services Allied Health staff are expected to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. work with other Health Professionals in overall case management of clients 2. work with other professionals in providing specialist advice to specific client groups 3. record clients' progress and maintaining professional relationships in accordance with relevant legislative requirements and ethical guidelines 4. design treatment programs to address patients' health needs 5. educate, inform, discuss with or teach patients and their families in procedures to be continued at home 6. record treatments given and patients' responses and progress 7. evaluate effectiveness of clinical interventions 8. triage clients, schedule appointments and perform other client related administrative tasks as per local guidelines 9. communicate and deliver care with cultural competence 10. incorporate the use of Telehealth in service delivery where possible

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. maintain discipline specific professional registration including supervisory requirements 12. maintain credentialing with NWRH and other partner organisations as required.
Efficient and Effective Service Delivery	<p>Comply with organisation processes in carrying out:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Timely and accurate completion of data relating to service delivery 2. Reporting of outcomes/deliverables in line with funding agreements
Professional Conduct	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In your position, you are responsible for the interchange and management of communication with internal and external stakeholders. 2. Compliance with organisational code of conduct 3. Compliance with organisational policies and procedures, including infection control and confidentiality 4. Compliance with relevant legislation such as work health and safety, equal opportunity and anti-discrimination 5. Compliance with Code of Professional Conduct and Statement of Ethical Practice for National body relevant to this discipline 6. To behave in a professionally responsible and accountable manner at all times <p>Flexibility in working role related to changing job requirements including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Willingness to take on activities or tasks that may fall outside of regular duties 2. Capacity to identify and/or respond to areas of need within the workplace in negotiation with Line Manager

Reporting

This position reports to the Team Leader.

Additional Information

Salary package: Commensurate with qualifications and experience
 Salary Sacrifice entitlement up to \$15900pa
 Employer contribution to superannuation 9.5%
 Annual leave loading 17.5%
 Entitled to monthly Professional Supervision
 Fortnightly Rental Subsidy

Hours: This position is 1.0 full time equivalent (FTE), based on a 76 hours per fortnight.

Location: This position is will be based in either Mount Isa, Doomadgee, Mornington Island, Normanton, Longreach or other NWRH sites and provides outreach services to NWRH catchment area.

Travel Requirements: Travelling by road and/or in small planes to communities within the place catchment area.

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Criminal History Check: All final applicants for this position will be asked to consent to a criminal record check. Please note that people with criminal records are not automatically excluded from applying for this position. Each application will be considered on its merits.

Selection criteria

Essential

1. Possession of a degree or equivalent qualification from an approved course or educational provider, accompanied by demonstrated mental health experience.
2. Must have one of these qualifications Psychologist with current registration with AHPRA; or Accredited Mental Health Social Worker; or Occupational Therapist or Registered Nurse with minimum two years Mental Health experience;
3. Demonstrated ability to provide high quality discipline specific assessment, prevention, treatment and intervention to achieve maximal outcomes for a broad range of clients and conditions.
4. Demonstrated high level communication skills.
5. Strong interpersonal and communication skills, including the ability to establish respectful and trusting relationships with individuals, teams, our organisation and in the community.
6. Working to support the organisation's goals and objectives in ways that support capacity to share culture, ensuring a shared cultural competence.
7. Demonstrated knowledge or the motivation and ability to gain knowledge of Primary Health Care principles and issues in rural and remote communities. Preparedness to undertake further study in this area, if required.
8. Demonstrated ability to operate independently and participate in a multidisciplinary team.
9. Awareness of local health issues and a demonstrated ability to work with people of diverse cultural backgrounds.
10. Current unencumbered 'C' class driver's licence.
11. Ability to travel to various rural and remote sites.
12. Computer literacy in Microsoft Office Suite and experience using reporting and client databases.

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13. To be considered you must be an Australian or NZ Citizen or Permanent Resident, or have a relevant visa allowing you to live and work in Australia with no restrictions. NWRH does not undertake visa sponsorships.
14. Hold a current Blue and Yellow Card or be eligible to obtain.

Desirable

1. Experience working for a not for profit organisation.