

# MORE PSYCHOLOGY OPPORTUNITIES THAN EVER

### Make a difference in Victoria's public mental health workforce

The Victorian Government is committed to building a public mental health and wellbeing system that supports our skilled and dedicated workforce to deliver high-quality treatment, care and support to Victorians who need it.

More than \$6 billion has been invested to reform Victoria's mental health and wellbeing system, so that psychologists and consumers are supported to thrive. This includes the creation of hundreds of new psychology jobs.

Victoria is working towards a public mental health and wellbeing system that offers world-class holistic services to Victorians experiencing mental ill health or psychological distress.



With more programs and supports than ever before, there has never been a better time to start your psychology career in Victoria's public mental health and wellbeing system.

#### **Get qualified**

- Student placement programs:
   Start putting theory into practice with student placements and training across alcohol and other drug (AOD) and mental health and wellbeing services.
- Prequalification programs:
   Psychology students can get part-time jobs as mental health support staff. You'll have access to clinical supervision and gain hands-on sector experience.

#### **Get started**

- Psychology registrar program:
  - A new pipeline of psychology registrars means it's easier to gain practice endorsement in clinical psychology, neuropsychology and forensic psychology.

The two-year program includes:

- Supervised practice in the same area of practice as your approved postgraduate qualification to develop the competencies needed for clinical practice endorsement.
- Structured learning programs with dedicated, protected time to develop knowledge of relevant policy, research, interventions and theory to support clinical practice.
- Clinical rotations to gain exposure across various clinical settings.

#### **Keep learning**

- Scholarships:
  - Access funding towards a postgraduate degree to advance your mental health and AOD clinical practice.
- Educator roles for clinicians:
   Become a supervisor and develop skills as you mentor the next generation.
- Communities of practice:
   Share your learning and development and contribute to greater connection and collaboration across allied health disciplines.

#### **Get support**

- Rural and regional incentives scheme:
  - Access up to \$20,000 to relocate to a regional or rural public mental health, community mental health or AOD service. This includes a community navigator to help you and your family settle into your new community.\*
- Mentoring:
  - Managers can join a mentoring program for support with professional and wellbeing challenges.\*
- Building capability and improving outcomes:
  - The mental health capability framework helps creates structures and processes for consistent skills, expertise and experience across the mental health and wellbeing system.

\*Eligibility criteria apply

To find out more about these programs and opportunities, visit: <health.vic.gov.au/health-workforce/mental-health-workforce>

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Psychologists are highly skilled members of the allied health workforce that work across a range of hospital, residential and community settings. Your expertise in assessing, diagnosing, planning and delivering evidence-based therapies and treatment directly contributes to better mental health and wellbeing outcomes for people in the community.

Make a difference with a career in mental health.
Visit <vic.gov.au/mental-health-jobs> or scan here



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