



Clinical Psychology Placements for 2020

Placements are only open to Postgraduate students enrolled in Masters of Clinical Psychology or Doctorate of Clinical Psychology degrees.

All applications must include a CV and cover letter that addresses the Selection Criteria listed in the position description. Applications will only be accepted between **July 17th – 24th** from your University Student Placement Coordinator via email to the **Chief Psychologist Dr Sonja Skocic (sonja.skocic@healthscope.com.au)**.

Applications will be reviewed in the second week of August and applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application during this time. Interviews are expected to take place late August.



Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) Program

The OCD Program is a specialised inpatient group program that runs regularly for three week durations throughout the year. The closed group usually consists of seven to eight patients presenting moderate to severe OCD symptoms. The treatment approach largely draws on CBT for OCD, with an emphasis on Exposure and Response Prevention (ERP) practice. This placement is an excellent opportunity to intensively work with individuals experiencing OCD and related issues.

This placement will involve working in the inpatient Obsessive Compulsive Disorder program. It will involve a combination of group work (predominant) and individual therapy work. Exposure and Response prevention is the primary therapeutic framework and students will be working in a multidisciplinary team. Placement availability likely to include February-June or July-November for a 40-50 day placement.

Living Well Program

The Living Well Program is the inpatient therapy program (group and individual) offered for all general inpatients. Common presentations including Depression, Anxiety, Bipolar Disorder and Personality Disturbances. Placements in the Living Well Program involve observing, designing, delivering and evaluating group and short term individual psychological assessments and interventions.

This placement will involve days in the inpatient Living Well Program (general psychiatry). It will involve a combination of group work (predominant) and individual therapy work (utilising various short term psychotherapeutic frameworks and education). This will be a five month, two days per week placement.

Eating Disorders Program

The Melbourne Clinic offers a specialist Eating Disorder Program in both inpatient and outpatient settings. Therapy provided is predominantly group based covering a range of approaches and delivered by a variety of disciplines. We see a range of different types of Feeding and Eating Disorders. Psychology interventions often focus on using DBT skills, CBT-E, and Supportive Therapy for our inpatients and outpatients. Students will design, implement and evaluate group programs, observe other modalities and disciplines, participate in clinical reviews with treating teams, and do key work and individual support where possible, including some psychological assessments.

This placement will involve days in both the inpatient and outpatient Eating Disorders Programs. It will involve a combination of group work and individual therapy work. This placement will occur between the months of March and September (inclusive) and will run two days per week. A provisional psychologist on 50 day + placement is preferred for this placement.



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| Position Title | Allied Health Assistant – Psychology Student Placement |
| Facility/ Corporate | The Melbourne Clinic |
| Classification | Provisional Psychologist |
| Reports to | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocated Placement Supervisor • Chief Psychologist • Manager and Coordinator of relevant therapeutic program |
| Position Summary | <p>The position is responsible for assisting the planning, facilitation and evaluation of therapeutic groups responsive to patient needs within the private psychiatric setting as well as providing individual patient assessment and therapeutic interventions within their scope of practice. The position will also be involved in the development and evaluation of policies and programs as appropriate as well as the preparation and maintenance of materials and resources used for psychological interventions.</p> |
| Selection Criteria | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate tertiary qualifications in Psychology • APHRA registration as a Provisional Psychologist • Working with Children Check • The ability to prepare therapeutic resources and assist patients to participate in psychological interventions on an individual and group basis under the direction of a registered psychologist • The ability to conduct meaningful evidence based psychological interventions with patients in individual and group therapy • Excellent interpersonal communication skills • An ability to engage with people and work effectively in a team setting • Excellent time management and organisational skills • Maintains professional and ethical work practices in line with APS Ethical Code and Guidelines • Ability to work autonomously • Knowledge of the Mental Health Act (Victoria) and other relevant legislation. |

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