
**KATHERINE WEST HEALTH BOARD ABORIGINAL
CORPORATION**

P O S I T I O N D E S C R I P T I O N

POSITION TITLE:	Mental Health & AOD Registered Nurse
SUPERVISOR:	Manager Population Health
CLASSIFICATION LEVEL:	RAN 1-3
LOCATION	Katherine (with remote travel to all KWHB locations)
NO. OF POSITIONS REPORTING DIRECTLY:	0
NO. OF POSITIONS REPORTING INDIRECTLY:	0

SUMMARY OF POSITION:

The Registered Nurse – Mental Health/AOD provides specialised support to clients requiring mental health care and misusing substances, their families and the remote based staff providing care. The position promotes excellence in clinical standards and quality of care and works closely with the broader PHC team to integrate and coordinate care for best outcomes for the client. The position is a region wide clinical outreach position and requires travel to all KWHB communities on a regular basis.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Provision of culturally safe Mental Health and AOD care for people of all ages in the Katherine West region through direct contact with clients and families and providing advice to other members of the PHC team.
2. Demonstrate a high standard of professional practice and clinical knowledge that incorporates best practice, education and research.
3. Contribute to and assist the multidisciplinary PHC team in the care management, coordination and decision making for clients requiring Mental Health/AOD support.
4. Participate in an integrated approach to the delivery of mental health services at KWHB utilising a multi-disciplinary approach to service delivery.
5. Actively promote mental health awareness and harm minimisation and involvement in primary prevention activities (e.g. health promotion).
6. Facilitate links for Katherine West Health Board communities and Health Centres to specialist mental health/AOD services and other appropriate tertiary services.
7. Participation in collaborative partnerships with relevant agencies, community organisations/key stakeholders, consumers and carers to promote positive mental health and social and emotional wellbeing and minimise substance misuse.
8. Undertake mental health and AOD assessments, emergency support, treatment and case management services, as well as a range of therapeutic interventions necessary to support people (and their carers) affected by mental illness and AOD misuse.
9. Maintain accurate and up to date clinical records in accordance with established information systems and protocols.

10. Adherence with evidence-based standards and policies which are compliant with relevant professional, industrial and legislative requirements.
11. Knowledge of and participation in quality improvement activities.
12. Travel to KWHB communities on a regular basis.

SELECTION

CRITERIA: Essential:

1. Registered Nurse with the Australian Health Practitioners Registration Authority (AHPRA).
2. At least three years' experience working in Mental Health/AOD.
3. Demonstrated knowledge of and competence in mental health/AOD assessment and therapeutic treatment modalities.
4. Demonstrated knowledge of current issues, standards, policies and trends in mental health/AOD service delivery
5. Proven ability to communicate effectively with clients, carers and colleagues and be able to work sensitively with people for whom English may be a second language.
6. Experience in working effectively and harmoniously within a multidisciplinary team.
7. Advanced interpersonal and communication (written & verbal) skills.
8. Well-developed analytical and problem-solving skills.
9. Knowledge in quality improvement and its practical application in meeting patients' needs and improvements to service delivery.
10. Knowledge, understanding and experience of research findings to support evidence-based practice
11. Ability to travel on a weekly basis in the Katherine West region by 4WD or light aircraft
12. Current manual NT Driver's License
13. Hold or have the ability to hold a NT Working with Children clearance (Ochre card) and criminal history clearance.

Desirable:

1. Experience working in a cross-cultural context
 2. Experience working in remote health
 3. Relevant Post graduate qualification from recognized tertiary institution.
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Approval:

Authorised by:

Sinon Cooney
Chief Executive Officer


