

SENIOR SPECIALIST PSYCHOLOGIST

In addition to performing the work of a Specialist Psychologist, a Senior Specialist Psychologist shall have the following characteristics:

EDUCATION, TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

- Full registration as a psychologist in Australia with the PsyBA/AHPRA.
- Must possess a post-graduate degree at the masters level or higher in a specialist area deemed relevant by the employing Department including, but not limited to, Clinical Psychology, Clinical Neuropsychology, Counselling Psychology, and Forensic Psychology. The post graduate degree must include components of professional training and supervised experience and must be of at least 2 years full time duration or its equivalent; or
- Education, training, and experience deemed by the Department to be equivalent (for example as signified by membership of a relevant APS College such as Clinical Psychology, Clinical Neuropsychology, Counselling Psychology, Forensic Psychology).
- Extensive experience as a Specialist Psychologist or other relevant work experience deemed equivalent by the Division Head.

TASK

- Is required to manage more difficult or unusual cases.
- High level of clinical expertise and responsibilities.
- May conduct and set psychological research and evaluation projects for the Department as required.

JUDGEMENT AND PROBLEM-SOLVING

- Resolves complex clinical problems.
- May provide advice and input for service planning e.g., at sector or area level.
- Resolves issues likely to have wide impact on the profession and organisation within area of expertise.

SUPERVISION AND INDEPENDENCE

- May provide supervision.
- May work in or lead a multidisciplinary team.
- Major contributions to the quality management and evaluation of psychological services within area of expertise.
- A Senior Specialist Psychologist trained and accredited by the PsyBA as a supervisor with a minimum of three years post registration experience may be reasonably required by the Department to supervise a Provisional Psychologist who is in the process of gaining full registration with the PsyBA/AHPRA.

ORGANISATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS AND IMPACT

- Higher level consultancy role within the Department and with external agencies