

Hume Mental Health Clinical Training Alliance

...facilitating opportunities for mental health student placements



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About the Hume Mental Health Clinical Training Alliance

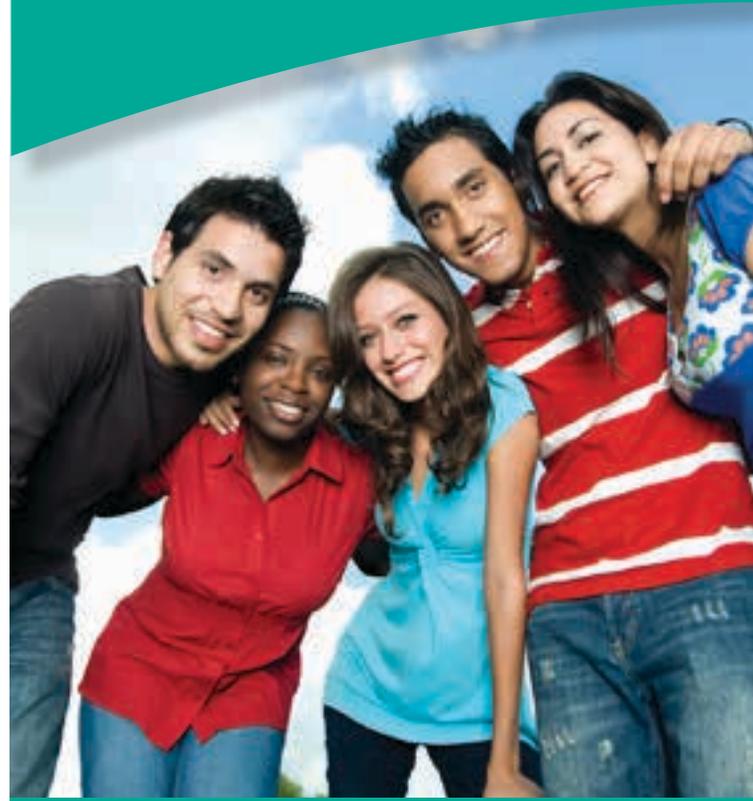
The Goulburn Valley Area Mental Health Service provides an innovative range of services for those experiencing or at risk of serious mental health problems in the municipalities of Mitchell, Murrindindi, Strathbogie, City of Greater Shepparton and Moira. The service aims to provide consumer/carer focused and culturally sensitive practice for people living within the region.

Mental Illness Fellowship Victoria is a not-for-profit, member-based organisation, providing support to almost 5,000 people a year and reaching many more through advocacy and community education work.

Mind Australia is a leading provider of community mental health services, which supports people to live independent, productive and purposeful lives.

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There is a known shortage of mental health professionals working in the Hume region.

To work toward addressing this issue, an alliance has been formed, comprised of the Goulburn Valley Health Mental Health Service, Mental Illness Fellowship Victoria and Mind Australia. The alliance is working to expand opportunities for clinical training placements in mental health services throughout the Hume region.

The student placement opportunities can be created in any mental health discipline. The goal is to increase the number of high quality placement opportunities for mental health students, which will lead to an increase in the number of mental health graduates seeking ongoing work in the Hume region.

How to get involved?

By providing tertiary mental health students with practical workplace experience to complement their formal education, you can contribute to the improvement of mental health services throughout the Hume region.

Benefits of offering work placement opportunities

Education providers are actively seeking suitable organisations in which they can place mental health students to complete the practical elements of their education.

Mental health providers can benefit in a number of ways from having students participate in work placements:

- The opportunity to get a head start on recruiting the best new graduates, when the need arises
- Students bring an enthusiastic and fresh approach to the organisation
- Staff may benefit from having the opportunity to supervise or mentor a student
- You may gain specific skills and knowledge from a student well versed in current theory
- The advantage of having additional skilled staffing resources to undertake special projects

Create a clinical placement opportunity for a mental health student

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