

Position Description

Clinical Psychologist

Classification:	Clinical Psychologist Grade 2 (PK1-PK4)
Business unit/department:	Psychology, Allied Health
Work location:	Austin Hospital ☒ Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital ☐ Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre ☐ Other ☐ (please specify)
Agreement:	Victorian Public Health Sector (Medical Scientists, Pharmacists and Psychologists) Single Enterprise Agreement 2021-2025
Employment type:	Fixed-Term Part-Time
Hours per week:	22.8
Reports to:	Clinical Psychology Lead
Direct reports:	Nil
Financial management:	Budget: NA
Date:	Jan 2026

Austin Health acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we operate, the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung People of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Position purpose

The Clinical Psychologist will provide comprehensive psychology care to patients within the Cancer Services, specifically the Olivia Newton-John Cancer, Wellness & Research Centre (ONJ Centre). The role includes psychological assessment, therapeutic intervention, and psychoeducation to outpatient oncology patients.

The Clinical Psychologist will work closely with the members of the multidisciplinary team including medical, nursing and allied health staff to deliver evidence-based, comprehensive care to oncology patients and secondary consultation to the treating team as required. This is a part-time, fixed term, parental leave position.

About the Cancer Services and Psychology Department

Department of Psychology

This position is based within the Psychology Department, Allied Health Division, Operations Directorate.

The Psychology Department comprises Clinical Psychologists and Clinical Neuropsychologists who work across the three Austin Health campuses. The Psychology Department is committed to promoting the highest level of psychological support and intervention for our patients. We achieve this goal by leading and excelling in research, teaching and the use of person-centred evidence-based practice. The Department supports a large number of post-graduate student placements and has a

dedicated Registrar program for both Clinical Psychology and Clinical Neuropsychology. In addition, a dedicated education team provides planning, development and implementation of supervision, training, education and professional development for all psychologists. The department also has significant involvement in both independent and collaborative research projects through partnerships with Universities and research institutes.

Cancer Services

Austin Health is one of the largest cancer service providers in Victoria, with a well-developed culture of pioneering novel cancer treatments. Austin Health provides a complete range of services to cancer patients and their families. This includes medical oncology, surgical oncology, radiation oncology, cancer genetics, clinical haematology and palliative medicine. Wellness and supportive care and arts in healthcare are also integral components of the service. These are all provided in an environment that integrates research, teaching and training, in the Olivia Newton-John Cancer Wellness and Research Centre (ONJ Centre) at Austin Hospital.

Wellness and Supportive Care, Cancer Services

The integrated model of multidisciplinary care within Cancer Services relies on a dynamic, appropriately qualified and skilled team to support patients undergoing care in both the inpatient and ambulatory settings, with a key focus on integrated Wellness and Supportive Care.

Position responsibilities

Role Specific:

- Conduct comprehensive and evidence-based psychological assessment and intervention for cancer patients.
- Support the triage and waitlist process for referrals for psychology care within the outpatient psychology clinic at ONJ Centre.
- Provide psychoeducation and counselling to families and carers as required.
- Demonstrate a high level of clinical reasoning and advanced casework skills using a patient-centred approach.
- Formulate appropriate targeted treatment plans with realistic, achievable goals and implement appropriate interventions in collaboration with patients.
- Work collaboratively with the multidisciplinary team to support best-practice care and outcomes for patient.
- Provide secondary consultation to the multidisciplinary team on patient management and coping.
- Active participation in MDT clinical discussions and team meetings.
- Co-facilitate psychology group programs.
- Response to referrals and provide psychological care as required to the inpatients on Palliative Care ward (8S) at Austin Hospital.
- Liaison with mental health and psychiatric services regarding appropriate patient care and management.
- Liaison with external agencies to implement appropriate community referrals to relevant service providers.
- Other duties as directed by Clinical Psychology Lead.

Quality and Risk

- Undertake and model evidence-based practice principles and interdisciplinary practices in the provision of care.
- Undertake activities and audits to support compliance with the national standards.



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- Ensure personal compliance with mandatory training requirements.
- Maintain appropriate statistics, case notes and records, participate in Psychology department meetings as required.
- Participate in the development, implementation and evaluation of policy and service provision using evidence-based quality improvement methodology.
- Other duties as required.

Professional Development

- Participate in department performance appraisal, supervision and professional development planning process.
- Undertake education and training to ensure clinical practice is current and evidence-based.

Information Management

- Record in patient medical files according to policy/procedures and Austin Health documentation standards.
- Adhere to Austin Health's policies for use of Information Technology.
- Meet activity and reporting timelines for all relevant tasks.
- Record accurate statistics/data as per policy and procedures.

Selection criteria

Essential skills and experience:

- Clinical experience in providing psychological services within health or hospital based setting and experience within an oncology setting.
- Demonstrated capacity to provide comprehensive assessment of patients with cancer and therapeutic interventions to patients including high prevalence psychiatric disorders, adjustment, grief, pain and trauma.
- Demonstrated commitment to evidence-based practice and ability to translate this into practice.
- High level interpersonal skills that promote high quality patient care, and a proven ability to relate to people at all levels internal and external to the organization.
- Demonstrated ability to work autonomously and collaboratively within a multidisciplinary team.
- Highly developed written and verbal communication skills that provide effective liaison and consultation with a wide range of individuals, agencies and service providers.
- Demonstrated history of, and commitment to, ongoing professional development.

Desirable but not essential:

- Experience in program evaluation and knowledge of quality methodology.
- A track record of participation in, or support for, psycho-oncology research

Professional qualifications and registration requirements

- A minimum Masters Degree in Clinical Psychology, and current registration with AHPRA Psychology Board of Australia and endorsement or working towards endorsement as a Clinical Psychologist.



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Quality, safety and risk – all roles

All Austin Health employees are required to:

- Maintain a safe working environment for yourself, colleagues and members of the public by following organisational safety, quality and risk policies and guidelines.
- Escalate concerns regarding safety, quality and risk to the appropriate staff member, if unable to rectify yourself.
- Promote and participate in the evaluation and continuous improvement processes.
- Comply with the principles of person-centered care.
- Comply with requirements of National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards and other relevant regulatory requirements.

Other conditions – all roles

All Austin Health employees are required to:

- Adhere to Austin Health's core values: *our actions show we care, we bring our best, together we achieve, and we shape the future.*
- Comply with the Austin Health's Code of Conduct policy, as well as all other policies and procedures (as amended from time to time).
- Comply with all Austin Health mandatory training and continuing professional development requirements.
- Provide proof of immunity to nominated vaccine preventable diseases in accordance with Austin Health's immunisation screening policy.
- Work across multiple sites as per work requirements and/or directed by management.

General information

Cultural safety

Austin Health is committed to cultural safety and health equity for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander People. We recognise cultural safety as the positive recognition and celebration of cultures. It is more than just the absence of racism or discrimination, and more than cultural awareness and cultural sensitivity. It empowers people and enables them to contribute and feel safe to be themselves.

Equal Opportunity Employer

We celebrate, value, and include people of all backgrounds, genders, identities, cultures, bodies, and abilities. We welcome and support applications from talented people identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, people with disability, neurodiverse people, LGBTQIA+ and people of all ages and cultures.

Austin Health is a child safe environment

We are committed to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. We want children to be safe, happy and empowered. Austin Health has zero tolerance for any form of child abuse and commits to protect children. We take allegations of abuse and neglect seriously and will make every effort to mitigate and respond to risk in line with hospital policy and procedures.



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