

Clinical Psychology Adult Placement

Child, Adolescent & Family Placement

Overview: Final Placement for Clinical Psychology & Educational & Developmental Masters and Doctorate Students

Western Psychological Services offers a trainee placement opportunity to Clinical Psychology students in their final year elective placement.

This placement offers the opportunity to work in a private organisational context to broaden your training experience. The skills acquired on this placement will allow you to; manage a case load, work creatively and flexibly with a range of presenting issues, and work effectively with evidence based short term as well as longer term therapy modalities. It may particularly appeal to you if you are interested in developing your capacity to work at depth in short – medium term work in one-to-one counselling/psychotherapy.

There are two placement types available within WPS

1. *Child, Family & Adolescent Placement*

We see a diverse range of client presentations and issues for clients between the ages 4- 18 including emotional dysregulation, anxiety, parental separation, learning difficulties, trauma and social challenges. Other clinical presentations include

adjustment & coping with family change, anxiety & depression, behavioural concerns, children & adolescents with learning difficulties, confidence & social anxiety, some requiring parenting skills support.

*Assessment Services in the child/adolescent team include*

* + Autism Spectrum Disorder Assessment
  + Adaptive Behaviour (day-to-day functioning) Assessment
  + Cognitive and Educational Assessments (including school readiness, learning difficulties and giftedness)

1. *Adult Placement Presentations*

A significant portion of our clients tend to have complex histories and presentations, and present with mood and anxiety disorders, and other problems related to trauma (childhood and adult), sleep, eating disorders, addictions (Gambling, drugs, alcohol), grief and loss, relationship distress, confidence & awareness development, and relationship counselling.

While the work is challenging, it is in the main very rewarding, and clients are typically motivated. We have the capacity to utilise one-way mirrors, recording facilities (audio and video), observation and co-therapy of trainee/trainer to enhance learning opportunities. Regular supervision is provided and professional development and group case consultation opportunities within the organisation may also be accessed where possible.

The team at Western Psychological Services is comprised of a core staff team of 17 Psychologists including Clinical, Educational and Developmental, Counselling and registered Psychologists working from a variety of theoretical orientations, offering a range of services and experiences. In addition, the team generally includes up to two interns on their final placement each semester. WPS have 2 Clinical Psychologists  **and 4 General Psychologists approved** by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Authority (**AHPRA**) as a **Psychology** Board of Australia Supervisor.

The client age group ranges from child to adult.

There is a February to mid-year and mid-year to end of year placement option, however there is some flexibility to alter these arrangements.

A pre-placement meeting is an essential part of the process in selecting this opportunity, to make sure the placement is suitable - you are welcome to arrange a visit at any time.

For more information, contact Dr Angelo Pagano, the Placement Supervisor and Co-ordinator and email your CV to [apagano@wpsychology.com](mailto:apagano@wpsychology.com).

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