

Directorate	Canberra Health Services	Reporting Relationships <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Senior Manager, Intake Services - ACMHS</div> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">↑</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Manager, HAART</div> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">↑</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Mental Health Clinician, HAART</div>
Division	Mental Health, Justice Health, and Alcohol & Drug Services	
Business Unit	Adult Community Mental Health Services	
Position Number	P28857	
Position Title	Mental Health Clinician, HAART	
Classification	RN3.1	
Location	The Canberra Hospital	
Last Reviewed		

Canberra Health Services (CHS) is focused on the delivery of high quality, effective, person-centred care. We provide acute, sub-acute, primary, and community-based health services, to the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) and surrounding regions. More information can be found on the [CHS website](#).

Our **Vision**: creating exceptional health care together

Our **Role**: to be a health service that is trusted by our community

Our **Values**: Reliable, Progressive, Respectful and Kind

Mental Health, Justice Health and Alcohol and Drug Services (MHJHADS) provides support to youth and adults via inpatient and outpatient settings, community health centres, justice health facilities and other community settings, including people's homes. MHJHADS aims to be socially inclusive and operate within a recovery-focussed and/or harm minimisation approach.

POSITION OVERVIEW

The position is situated within Adult Community Mental Health Services (ACMHS), under the Intake Services Teams, which is a specialist mental health service that provides health care and support for people aged from 18 years old. ACMHS provides evidenced based and personalised care planning for recovering people while also collaborating with carers, Nominated Persons, supports and other key stakeholders.

ACMHS teams operate across the Australian Capital Territory, adhering to both the Adult Community Mental Health Model of Care and the Older Persons Community Mental Health Model of Care. ACMHS program area services the community's mental health needs in the areas of intake, recovery, supported and therapeutic accommodation, therapy, older persons, neuropsychology, assertive community outreach, homeless outreach, and intensive home treatment.

The Intake Services Teams - Adult Community Mental Health Services (ACMHS) includes the Home Assessment and Acute Response Team (HAART) and includes a Police Ambulance Clinician Early Response (PACER) service.

HAART provides acute and crisis interventions to facilitate hospital diversion, outreach assessment and treatment to people experiencing and living with a moderate to severe mental illness and complex needs in a community setting. HAART provides assessments and intervention for acute mental health presentations.

PACER is a tri-service mental health co-response capability which works in partnership with the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and ACT Ambulance Services to provide a Police Officer, Ambulance Paramedic, and a Senior Mental Health Clinician who will provide a timely mobile response to people experiencing mental health crisis.

HAART, inclusive of PACER operates seven days a week, including weekends and public holidays, and has an overnight on call arrangement. The position holder will be required to work a rotating roster of 8 and 10-hour shifts, including on call arrangement overnight and reports to the HAART Team Leader.

Applicants may apply using the CHS online employment website and must attach two recent referee reports, one which must be from your current line manager, a current resume and no more than a two-page written response that demonstrates your experience against the selection criteria. Depending on the response received applicants may be appointed on merit.

DUTIES

Under limited direction of the HAART Team Leader and or Clinical Lead you will perform assessment and crisis intervention for people presenting with acute mental health issues.

You will:

1. Provide early/immediate specialised mental health assessment and treatment, including hospital diversion where a person may require a joint police/ambulance/clinician response when experiencing a mental health crisis.
2. Provide medication management, physical assessment for efficacy or effect, physical health care observations, if, and as required, such as blood pressure, pulse, temperature, respiratory rate, and other measures to monitor for potential side effects of medication administration with prescribed substances if directed.
3. Provide a high standard of clinical discipline-specific expertise, actively apply recovery-based intervention principles, and work collaboratively with people, carers, and community agencies/other stakeholders to provide care co-ordination and educative practices.
4. Complete case notes and risk assessments, to the required standard in the Digital Health Record (DHR) and meet reporting and data collection requirements.
5. Undertake and provide leadership, clinical supervision and engage in professional development activities, as well as initiating, coordinating and leading quality improvement activities.
6. Work within the relevant legislation and meet the requirements of the role of Mental Health Officer as set out in the Mental Health Act 2015 and apply these principles to crisis decision making.
7. Assist in the provision of primary, secondary, and tertiary consultation services, community development and education, liaison and linkage to other government and non-government agencies that also provide care to people experiencing acute mental illness.

8. Compliance with the frameworks around clinical audits, incident management, occupational violence, staff orientation, clinical review, the National Standards for Mental Health Services, the National Safety and Quality Health Service standards and the National Safety and Quality Digital Mental Health Standards.
9. Undertake other duties appropriate to this level of classification which contribute to the operation of the organisation.

ABOUT YOU

CHS is committed to workforce diversity and to creating an inclusive workplace. As part of this commitment, we welcome applications from all diversity groups. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, people with disability and people who identify as LGBTQIA+ are particularly encouraged to apply.

Behavioural Capabilities

1. Ability to respond to and prioritise competing demands in a calm and efficient manner while maintaining high work standards.
2. Be flexible, adaptable, and comfortable with a changing working environment and differing working styles.
3. Have excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to communicate effectively with consumers, family/carers, colleagues and emergency service and hospital personnel, particularly in crisis situations.

Position Requirements / Qualifications:

Mandatory:

- Relevant Tertiary qualifications and a minimum of five years' experience working professionally in community mental health teams, with a specialised knowledge of medications utilised in mental health, as well as appropriate administration, monitoring for efficacy or side effect, and storage of prescribed substances.
- Registered or be eligible for registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).
- The successful applicant will need to have a current driver's licence.
- The successful applicant will need to be available for weekend, shift, and after-hours on call work.
- CHS is leading the drive to digitally transform health service delivery in Australia through the implementation of a territory wide [Digital Health Record](#). Computer literacy skills are required which are relevant to this role, as you will be responsible for completing required documentation and becoming a proficient user of the Digital Health Record and/or other Information Technology systems; once proficient, you will need to remain current with changes, updates, and contingencies.
- Understand how the [National Safety and Quality Health Service \(NSQHS\)](#) indicators align with this role.
- Fulfil the responsibilities of this role in alignment to the [CHS Exceptional Care Framework](#), [Clinical Governance Framework](#), [Partnering With Consumers Framework](#) and [all other related frameworks](#).
- Approved as a Mental Health Officer under the *Mental Health Act 2015*, or eligible to be approved as a Mental Health Officer and undertake and complete that training.

Desirable

- Post Graduate Qualification in relevant discipline or another relevant stream.
- Experience in working in partnership with emergency services personnel that promotes a spirit of cooperation and collaboration, and respect for each other's philosophy, priorities, knowledge, skills, and experience.

Please note prior to commencement successful candidates will be required to:

- Undergo a pre-employment National Police Check.
- Comply with Canberra Health Services Occupational Assessment, Screening and Vaccination policy.
- Gain and maintain a NVI National Security Clearance. If a clearance is not granted or maintained your employment in the role will not commence or, if already commenced, will be reassessed.

WHAT YOU REQUIRE

These are the key selection criteria for how you will be assessed in conjunction with your resumé and experience.

1. Experience in undertaking relevant mental health and risk assessment of people experiencing acute symptoms of mental illness and the application of contemporary and evidence-based skills in relation to crisis intervention including medication management and physical assessment of efficacy or potential side effects arising from administering prescribed substances.
2. A specialised understanding of the principles of recovery, the National Standards for Mental Health Services, and the Fifth National Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Plan, including a knowledge of current mental health services within the ACT and a sound understanding of the Mental Health Act 2015 and other required legislation, including protocols for storage and administration of prescribed medications.
3. Effective communication and high-level negotiation skills, and an understanding of and willingness to participate in research, quality improvement activities, and clinical supervision.
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5. Demonstrates understanding of, and adherence to, safety and quality standards, work, health, and safety (WH&S) and the positive patient experience. Displays behaviour consistent with CHS's values of reliable, progressive, respectful, and kind.

HOW TO APPLY / OR WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Applications must be submitted through the e-recruitment system. Applications must include:

- A response to the selection criteria under "what you require" in no more than two pages. Where possible – include specific relevant examples of your work.
- A current resume.
- Two referee reports must be included - where one must be your current line manager.

CHS Contact: HAART Team Leader, phone: 02 6205 1065

WORK ENVIRONMENT DESCRIPTION

The following work environment description outlines the inherent requirements of the role and indicates how frequently each of these requirements would need to be performed. Please note that the ACT Public Service is committed to providing reasonable adjustments and ensuring all individuals have equal opportunities in the workplace.

ADMINISTRATIVE	FREQUENCY
Telephone use	Frequently
General computer use	Frequently
Extensive keying/data entry	Frequently
Graphical/analytical based	Never
Sitting at a desk	Frequently
Standing for long periods	Frequently

TRAVEL	FREQUENCY
Frequent travel – multiple work sites	Frequently
Frequent travel – driving	Frequently

PSYCHOSOCIAL DEMANDS	FREQUENCY
Distressed People e.g. Emergency or grief situations	Frequently
Aggressive & Uncooperative People e.g. drug / alcohol, dementia, mental illness	Frequently
Unpredictable People e.g. Dementia, mental illness, head injuries	Frequently
Restraining e.g. involvement in physical containment of clients/consumers	Occasionally
Exposure to Distressing Situations e.g. Child abuse, viewing dead / mutilated bodies; verbal abuse; domestic violence; suicide	Frequently

SPECIFIC HAZARDS	FREQUENCY
Working at heights	Occasionally
Exposure to extreme temperatures	Frequently
Operation of heavy machinery e.g. forklift	Never
Confined spaces	Frequently
Excessive noise	Occasionally
Low lighting	Occasionally
Handling of dangerous goods/equipment e.g. gases; liquids; biological.	Occasionally
Slippery or uneven surfaces	Occasionally

PHYSICAL DEMANDS	FREQUENCY
Distance walking (large buildings or inter-building transit)	Occasionally
Working outdoors	Frequently

MANUAL HANDLING	FREQUENCY
Lifting 0 – 9kg	Occasionally
Lifting 10 – 15kg	Occasionally
Lifting 16kg+	Occasionally
Climbing	Frequently
Running	Occasionally
Reaching	Occasionally
Kneeling	Occasionally
Foot and leg movement	Occasionally
Hand, arm and grasping movements	Frequently
Bending/squatting	Occasionally
Bend/Lean Forward from Waist/Trunk twisting	Occasionally
Push/pull	Occasionally
Sequential repetitive movements in a short amount of time	Frequently