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EXPERIENCE

**REGISTERED PSYCHOLOGIST - VICPSYCHPLUS
5 JULY 2022 TO CURRENT**

My current role requires me to conduct forensic assessment for referring agencies and the courts related to complex client presentations where there are allegations of misconduct (violence, child neglect and abuse, sexual abuse, drug, and alcohol use and or mental health concerns) or where there are convictions (current and historical).

I am required to conduct comprehensive clinical interviews relevant to the referral question, develop, administer, and interpret a valid and reliable test battery, and integrate results as well as evaluate collateral information provided to develop a case formulation, risk profile and protective plan recommendations.

My current role requires that I draw upon all the skills developed in my four years of training and prior work in establishing a rapport and engagement with difficult clients. In addition, I am required to stay abreast of contemporary literature and ensure best practice assessment methods are used.

My current role also requires that I provide 1:1 counselling for sexual abuse perpetrators and parental education and developing protective behaviours for non-offending parents.

**PROVISIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST - VICPSYCHPLUS
MARCH 2020 – 4 JULY 2022**

I began working at Vicpsychplus as a provisional psychologist in 2020, before completing my supervised internship and becoming AHPRA registered psychologist in July 2022.



My role exposed me to a variety of complex presentations and provided me the opportunity to work alongside leaders in field of forensic psychology to conduct a wide variety of forensic psychological assessments and interventions under supervision.

Since 2020 I have participated in frequent professional development, that includes but is not limited to, the assessment of violent and sexual offenders, protective capacity assessment, psychological assessment tools, treatment approaches and complex psychological issues across the lifespan and diverse cultures.

**PSYCHOLOGY ASSISTANT – VICPSYCHPLUS
MARCH 2016 – MARCH 2020.**

This role exposed me to a range of complex presentations and psychological issues relevant to the field of psychology.

This role required me to assist in the administration of a broad range of psychometric assessment tools required for psychological assessment.

Explaining the psychological assessment process and developing rapport with clients and tailoring communication skills for each client were the main skills I developed in this role.

Other tasks involved maintaining and organising the inventory of psychological testing tools, cataloguing, and maintaining the professional library. This role exposed me to a large degree of complex presentations and psychological issues relevant to the field of psychology and was useful preparation for me to advance in the field as a probationary psychologist.





EDUCATION

**HONORS IN PSYCHOLOGY • JANUARY - DECEMBER
2019 • INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL NEUROSCIENCE**

**BACHELOR IN PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE • MARCH
2016 – NOVEMBER 2018 • LA TROBE UNIVERSITY**

SKILLS

- Strong written and verbal communication.
- Psychological assessment (mental health, protective capacity, violence, sexual offence risk and protective capacity, cognitive assessment).
- Psychological report writing in a forensic setting.
- Psychological interventions (both targeted mental health and offence specific).
- Use of actuarial tools and structured risk assessment.
- Selection and administration of a wide range of assessment tools.
- Strong basis of knowledge on ethical, legal, and professional matters.
- Working with complex presentations across diverse populations and the lifespan.

