

ROYAL HOBART HOSPITAL - MENTAL HEALTH CHAPLAIN

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position Title	Mental Health Chaplain
Position Reports to	AHW Chaplaincy Co-ordinator
Days/Hours	0.3 FTE or 12 hrs per week, as negotiated
Term	Commencing asap until July 2028, subject to ongoing funding
Location	Roy Fagan Centre, Lenah Valley & Royal Hobart Hospital

About the Position

The RHH Chaplaincy Services operates as a multi-faith department within the Allied Health Professional Services of the Tasmanian Health Service, consisting of Chaplains & Pastoral Care Workers from different faith traditions and Christian denominations.

The Mental Health Chaplain is a senior member of the RHH Chaplaincy Service providing Spiritual and Emotional care for patients, visitors and staff in the Mental health inpatients units of the RHH and the Roy Fagan Centre, including Spiritual Care interventions for complex religious and spiritual needs.

Chaplains provide Spiritual Assessments, Spiritual Counselling / Education and Rituals according to the relevant standards and policies of the THS Chaplaincy Service. Chaplains

Chaplains are bound by the standards, code of conduct, policies, protocols and guidelines of the Department of Health and Chaplaincy Service.

Focus of Duties

- Be an active member of the RHH Chaplaincy Team including attendance at team meetings, team development sessions, social and supervision engagements.
- Identifying and responding to the spiritual needs of inpatients, visitors, community and referred patients, families and other service providers (including staff) of the RHH Mental Health In-Patient Units and the Roy Fagan Centre.
- Assist in the training and supervision of CPE and other students, Pastoral visitors, and visiting clergy.
- Present on Mental Health In-patient units and the Roy Fagan Centre and provide In-services and education to THS Staff.
- Refer patients to appropriate faith community contacts / clerics or other support services as required.
- Record keeping as per protocols and administrative duties as required.
- Assist visiting clergy as needed.
- Provide rituals and ceremonies as required including Chapel services, memorial services, funerals and religious services
- Attend family conferences and other team interventions as needed.
- Provide On-Call and after-hours assistance in negotiation with the Coordinator- RHH Chaplaincy Services.
- Obtaining clinical or pastoral supervision and maintain an effective method and measure of self-care.
- Other duties as identified by the Chaplaincy Coordinator in accordance with the capacity, qualifications and experience of the Chaplain.

ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS

- A demonstrated understanding of the philosophy of Pastoral Care and mental illness and its impact on consumers, including delusions regarding religion.
- Ability to engage with key pastoral issues of loss, grief, trauma, dementia and other mental health issues within a multi-faith context
- Currently have or be willing to complete 2 units of Clinical Pastoral Education (800 hours of Supervised Pastoral Care Training) or equivalent and participate in other PD opportunities.
- Committed to working within the mission and convictions of Anglican Health and Welfare
- Attend at least ten (10) hours of clinical supervision per year from an approved supervisor
- Attend at least ten (10) hours of pastoral care per year, from a suitably qualified member of your local parish



- Participate in at least twenty (20) hours of AH&W approved Professional Development per year for ongoing personal, spiritual and educational growth
- Intermediate ability to use computers and electronic systems and software
- A Tasmanian Drivers' Licence
- Working with Vulnerable People Registration
- A Satisfactory Police Check and consent for Department of Health Conviction Check
- Compliance with the Anglican *Faithfulness In Service* and Completion of, or willingness and ability to complete Child Protection / Safe Ministry Training
- Evidence of Immunisation / vaccination for:
 - Diphtheria / Tetanus / Pertussis (Whooping Cough)
 - Varicella (Chicken Pox)
 - Measles, Mumps, Rubella
 - Hepatitis B
 - COVID-19 Vaccination Double dose
- A practising member of a Christian Faith Community
- Certification/licensing by the Anglican Bishop of Tasmania

DESIRABLE PERSONAL QUALITIES and ATTRIBUTES

- Preferably attending an Anglican Church with a strong commitment to the teachings and practices of the Anglican faith
- Well-developed interpersonal skills, to be able to relate well and work with a diverse range of circumstances, with sensitivity to cultural and religious difference having a broad understanding of other faith traditions.
- Ability to demonstrate AHW convictions of Compassion, generosity, respect, wholeness and dedication.
- Well-developed skills in the practice of self-care and ethical decision-making
- Ability to contribute to the planning and facilitation of liturgical and non-liturgical services for patients, patient families and staff.
- A capacity and willingness to represent Chaplaincy on behalf of AH&W
- A well-developed sense of personal spiritual identity and formation, with the capacity to nourish and care for self and empathetically care for others.
- Excellent communication skills with the ability to disseminate information which respects confidentiality.