Overview

The program provides an opportunity for a comprehensive training in forensic mental health. It covers the theoretical and practical aspects of criminal, civil, child and family forensic mental health sub specialities. It is undertaken on a part-time two year basis. It is designed for mental health professionals including medical practitioners, nurses, psychologists, social workers and occupational therapists. The program is also open for members of the legal profession, corrections, police and criminologists. It is taught by distance delivery and provides video lectures, online forums and online activities.

The program aims to provide specialised levels of expertise in the clinical and legal aspects of Law and Forensic Mental Health to an emerging skilled multidisciplinary workforce. It draws upon the existing body of leading expertise in law, medicine and nursing, and the rich clinical resources of the Justice Health Long Bay Matraville complex which includes the high secure Forensic Hospital.
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Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrated effective communication skills, particularly written communication skills, vital to the professional and academic practice within the field of forensic mental health

2. Developed an advanced awareness of the role of a forensic mental health professional in the context of a field which is international and interdisciplinary; a field which involves the assessment and management of individuals from a diverse range of backgrounds and often suffering social disadvantage

3. Developed an advanced understanding of the impact of issues, relevant to forensic mental health and the professional practitioner in the field, on society as a whole and the ethical implications of such practice

4. Developed an advanced and critical understanding of the research literature relevant to the professional and academic practice which underpins the field of forensic mental health

5. Developed advanced professional practice in the field of forensic mental health based on acquisition of knowledge and skills relevant to such practice

Graduate Capabilities:

For more information on Graduate Capabilities, please click on this link.
Program Structure

Students must complete 48 UOC as a standalone program.

1. Compulsory courses - 24 UOC
2. Prescribed elective courses - 24 UOC

Core Courses

Students must take 24 UOC of the following courses.

PSCY9901  6 UOC
Law and Mental Health

PSCY9902  6 UOC
Psychiatry and Criminal Law

PSCY9903  6 UOC
Violence

PSCY9904  6 UOC
Administration, Institutions and Services

Prescribed Electives

Students must take 24 UOC of the following courses.

Note: Students without a clinical background are required to take PSCY9911 Mental Disorders, Personality (6 UOC) as one of their electives.

PHCM9132  6 UOC
Applied Research Methods for Public Health

PHCM9498  6 UOC
Epidemiology and Statistics for Public Health

PHCM9630  6 UOC
Public Health Perspectives of Indigenous Health
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**Evidence-informed Decision-making**

**Mental Disorders, Personality Disorders & Crime**

**Substance Use Problems and Offending**

**Disordered and Criminal Sexual Behaviour**

**Families, Children and Adolescents**

**Civil Law in relation to Psychiatry**

**Enrolment Disclaimer**

Unless advised otherwise by your program authority, you should follow the rules for the handbook for the year you commenced your program. You are also responsible for ensuring you enrol in courses according to your program requirements. myUNSW enrolment checks that you have met enrolment requirements such as pre-requisites for individual courses but not that a course will count towards your program requirements.
Admission Requirements

Entry Requirements

An undergraduate degree in health, law, psychology or criminology and honours/postgraduate qualifications in one of those disciplines or 2 years professional experience in health, law, psychology or criminology.

For more information about admission requirements for various UNSW programs, visit the following website(s):

Domestic Students
International Student
Pathways

Articulation Arrangements

Other program(s) within articulated suite:

Graduate Diploma - **GradDip**
**5512 Forensic Mental Health**

Faculty: Faculty of Medicine
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 36
Typical Duration: 0.8 Years

Graduate Certificate - **GradCert**
**7312 Forensic Mental Health**

Faculty: Faculty of Medicine
Campus: Kensington
Units of Credit: 24
Typical Duration: 0.7 Years
Recognition of Achievement

Award with Excellence

The Award with Excellence is awarded in coursework masters programs, including Masters (Extension) but with the exception of Masters (Extended) such as JD and MD, when a Weighted Average Mean (WAM) of at least 80% has been achieved and at least 50% of the requirements of the award are completed at UNSW. All eligible programs will award 'with Excellence' except in special circumstances where approval of Academic Board has been given for a program to opt out.

For more information, please visit:

Current Students Award with Excellence
Additional Information

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Web: forensicmentalhealth.med.unsw.edu.au

Related Program(s)
Program Fees

At UNSW fees are generally charged at course level and therefore dependent upon individual enrolment and other factors such as student's residency status. For generic information on fees and additional expenses of UNSW programs, click on one of the following:

- Domestic Students
- Commonwealth Supported Students
- International Students

Additional Expenses

Internet access with adequate broadband connection to access online materials (including recorded lectures)
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Access past handbook editions (2018 and prior)

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