



Pastoral Counselling Institute

An Institution of the Uniting Church in Australia – SYNOD of NSW & ACT

Senior Clinician – 38 hours per week

The Pastoral Counselling Institute (PCI) aims to relieve suffering and distress in the community through counselling and educational programs. The PCI develops models of education and counselling that are drawn from a disciplined dialogue between theology, biblical narratives and the behavioural sciences. The PCI is a self-funded, Public Benevolent Institution, operating as a recognised ministry within Uniting Mission and Education, a Board of the Uniting Church in Australia, Synod of New South Wales/ACT.

The PCI specialises in the treatment of sex offenders and providing support for families affected by abuse. It also provides a range of educational seminars around abuse and other issues that affect the well-being of members of the community. These seminars - provided primarily in isolated rural areas - include training in mental health triage, as well as Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE).

A challenging opportunity exists for an innovative person who has the passion, skills, experience and inclination to join a creative organisation currently expanding its services in a challenging area of social justice. The successful applicant will be a registered psychologist or social worker, with at least ten (10) years counselling experience; including two (2) years working with sex offenders. The applicant will possess the ability to engage in the creative dialogue between theology, biblical narratives and the behavioural sciences; as well as how counselling models that emerge from that dialogue both assist and critique contemporary psychological/social theory.

The successful applicant will have the ability to:

- Work in a team environment, including being willing to challenge and be challenged within that team
- Demonstrate sound communication skills, along with the ability to engage in creative and challenging interactions with PCI staff, as well as staff of other agencies
- Demonstrate an effective track record of developing and implementing innovative counselling strategies
- Be passionate and creative in providing counselling services, including addressing the issue of how counselling services can become more inclusive in an inter-cultural community
- Be innovative in responding to the challenges the PCI faces in providing low cost services

The successful applicant will also possess a driver's license and hold a current *Working with Children* Clearance issued by the NSW Office of the Childrens' Guardian .

The position reports to the Executive Director (PCI) and is based in the North Parramatta area. The role will involve travel to operational locations in the North Parramatta area and may require other travel.

The role will be remunerated in accordance with the Health Professionals & Support Services Award 2010 ("the Award")

Applicants must be in a position to demonstrate a high level of personal integrity and be prepared to work within the polity and ethos of the Uniting Church in Australia as described in the Basis of Union.

Interested applicants should email their CV to Manager, Programs and Administration. Alternatively, to find out more about this opportunity please call Fiona Fernandez on (02) 96833664 or e-mail pciuca@nswact.uca.org.au.