

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position Title	Allied Health Assistant Grade 2 (Women’s Mental Health)
Reports to (Title)	Head of Allied Health (Mental Health)
Group Director/ Chief	Chief of Mental Health and Cabrini Outreach
Department	Allied Health
Position Location	Cabrini Elsternwick – Hopetoun Street
Award/Agreement	Salary and conditions in accordance with Contract of Employment
Delegation of Authority Level	

Position Summary & Role Purpose

The Allied Health Assistant will provide critical support to the Allied Health team at Cabrini Women’s Mental Health, assisting in both inpatient and outpatient settings. The role involves helping with 1:1 and group therapy sessions, administrative tasks, and facilitating communication between clients and clinicians. The ideal candidate will be compassionate, organized, and possess a basic understanding of mental health care principles. The role is suitable for someone who is highly adaptable and wanting to work in an innovative and evolving service.

The Allied Health Assistant furthers the Cabrini mission, values and vision as well as demonstrating the values of compassion, integrity, courage, and respect.

Key Result Areas

1. Key Responsibilities, Outcomes and Activities

1.1 Leadership and Management

- Applies knowledge, experience, and skills to provide recovery orientated care to support the individual’s recovery goals whilst working collaboratively with clients, families and carers in the development, implementation and review of Treatment Plans and Goals.
- Works competently within their scope of practice to deliver safe, evidence based, trauma informed practice to achieve optimal health outcomes.
- Collaborates with a multidisciplinary team of professionals including medical staff, nurses, social workers, psychologists, occupational therapists, exercise physiologists, art therapists, dieticians and other allied health professionals.
- Assume accountability and responsibility for own actions and decisions while practicing within the scope of practice.

1.2 Operational Responsibilities

- Assist Mental Health Clinicians in preparing and conducting individual and group therapy sessions in both inpatient and outpatient settings, utilising evidence-based therapeutic approaches.
- Support the primary group facilitator in group sessions, promoting a safe and supportive environment for clients.

- Provide administrative and logistical support in both inpatient and outpatient settings.
- Demonstrates attention to the needs of the client and family to provide privacy, dignity, and the maintenance of confidentiality.
- Help with client care coordination, including scheduling appointments and following up on treatment plans.
- Liaise with Cabrini Women's Mental Health Services and other specialist services to ensure that the needs of patients with mental health needs are met.
- Maintains accurate timely documentation of patient care and interactions.
- Ensure high-quality care and services in line with Cabrini's policies and protocols.
- Contribute to a safe and supportive environment for clients.

1.3 Resource Management

- Adherence to the Cabrini codes of professional conduct, code of ethics, standards of practice and competencies, Mission, Values and Vision, and the Behaviours that Matter.
- Participate in related committees, working parties and research projects that are related to mental health.

1.4 Contributes to the achievement of professional expertise for self and direct reports through:

- Participate in regular training and stay informed about best practices in health and safety within a mental health context.
- Personal application of the Cabrini performance management framework.
- Identifies learning opportunities within the speciality and works with other clinicians to implement learning programs accordingly.
- Identifying, encouraging, and monitoring the continuing development of others within a learning culture. Evaluates programs and redefines clinical practice in line with best practice guidelines.
- Assist in building a positive team culture.

2. Work Health and Safety

Cabrini is committed to providing facilities and services which minimise the risk of physical and psychosocial harm to our workforce, patients, residents, clients, and visitors, as far as is reasonably practicable.

To achieve this, managers are required to implement, in consultation with their employees, the components of Cabrini's work health and safety management systems (the collection of policies, procedures, guidelines, other related documents and resources) to control the hazards that their employees, and any other person exposed to the work they do, may face. The WHS (Work Health and Safety) management system enshrines a risk management approach to managing hazards. For any hazards not explicitly covered in the WHS management system, managers are required to assess and control hazards as outlined in the WHS Risk Management Procedure.

Employees are responsible to work in a way that protects their own health and safety and that of others who may be affected by their actions. This includes following the policies and procedures from the WHS management system that apply to their work, any local processes, and instructions from their manager regarding how work is to be performed. Employees are responsible to report hazards, incidents, and injuries to their manager.

The Cabrini WHS Department facilitate the ongoing development and review of the WHS management system, build the capability of managers to assess and manage wellbeing, hazards, incidents, and injuries and provide advice and support in the management of these areas.

The Cabrini Work Health and Safety Responsibilities Procedure defines the responsibilities of employees at all levels of the organisation – Chief Executive; Group Directors; General Managers; Managers; those with specified work health and safety responsibilities; and all other employees. Please refer to the procedure for more details of the responsibilities associated with your role.

3. Safety and Quality

It is the responsibility of all staff at Cabrini to ensure that they provide safe high-quality care to our patients, residents, and service users. Safe care means accepting individual and shared responsibility as well as compliance with the Cabrini policies and protocols by all staff.

4. Child Safety

Cabrini complies with the Victorian Child Safe Standards, as updated in 2022. All children who come to Cabrini have a right to feel and be safe. Cabrini policies and practices aim to keep children safe from harm. All Cabrini staff must comply with all policies as amended from time to time including the following:

- Child safe organisational framework
- Child safety code of conduct
- Child safety reporting policy and procedure

Organisational Relationships

- Reports directly to the Head of Allied Health (Mental Health)
- Maintains a close collaborative working relationship with the broader Women's Mental Health team and Chief of Mental Health and Cabrini Outreach

Committee Membership

The Allied Health Assistant will participate as a member of the following committees:

- Relevant external committees as a representative of Cabrini
- As directed by the Chief of Mental Health and Cabrini Outreach

Staff Development

The Allied Health Assistant will demonstrate a commitment to personal and professional development of self and staff by:

- Participating in professional development programs
- Maintaining own skills and knowledge
- Remaining up to date with contemporary human resources practices
- Contributing to the Cabrini professional development program as required
- Participating in performance reviews in accordance with Cabrini policy

Key Competencies

The Allied Health Assistant must demonstrate the following requirements:

ESSENTIAL

Knowledge and Experience

- Formal qualifications of Certificate III (Allied Health Assistance) from a registered training organisation or its equivalent.
- Where available, eligible for membership of the relevant Professional Organisation.
- Basic knowledge of mental health practices and principles.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Strong organisational and administrative abilities.
- Compassionate and empathetic approach to client care.
- Commitment to on-going education and self-directed learning.
- Commitment to and understanding of continuous quality improvement.

DESIRABLE:

- Experience facilitating therapeutic groups independently or in collaboration with others.

Conditions of Employment

- Salary and conditions in accordance with the Cabrini Contract of Employment / Employment Agreement

Cabrini Mission, Values and Behaviours that Matter

Our mission

Who We Are

- We are a Catholic healthcare service inspired by the spirit and vision of Mother Cabrini and the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

What We Believe

- We are a community of care, reaching out with compassion, integrity, courage, and respect to all we serve.

What We Do

- We provide excellence in all our services and work to identify and meet unmet need.

Our values

- Our values form the base of our mission, are built around what we believe and drive how we act. They are drawn from Mother Cabrini's life and reflect her heart, her spirit, her conviction, and her approach.

Compassion

Our drive to care is not just a professional duty to provide excellent quality care but is born of a heartfelt compassion for those in need, motivated by God's love for all people.

- We care deeply about each and every person we serve.
- We respond willingly and positively to help meet the needs of those around us.
- We put people first as we look to provide extra support and care, beyond our professional duties.
- We promote a sense of belonging and community.

Integrity

We believe in the power of hope to transform people's lives and remain faithful to the bold healing mission and legacy of Mother Cabrini.

- We remain true to our beliefs at all times – our mission and values are non-negotiable.
- We are welcoming, hospitable and find comfort and motivation in the context of God's all-inclusive love
- We look for the good in each other and recognise each person's contribution as we work together to provide the best possible experience for our patients, residents, and their families.
- We are honest and reliable, making decisions that are consistent with our mission and taking responsibility for our own actions.

Courage

We have the strength, determination, vision, and conviction to continue the work of Mother Cabrini and the Missionary Sisters.

- We care for the whole person – spiritually, physically, and emotionally – creating an environment of hope and healing.
- We rise to challenges and opportunities, meeting them with an open mind and a positive attitude.
- We maintain the courage of our convictions and express our values through our actions.
- We continually look beyond our current services to help support and engage with those who are marginalised.

Respect

We believe that every person is worthy of the utmost respect and the best possible healthcare. We know that our resources are entrusted to us to use for the benefit of others.

- We uphold the worth and dignity of all people, regardless of gender, race, age, ability, and social position and treat them with courtesy, respect, equality, and justice.
- We respect ourselves, our colleagues, and the excellence of the services we deliver.
- We identify and respond to emerging healthcare needs in our community.
- We manage our resources wisely and actively seek to minimise our impact on the environment.

Behaviours that matter

Our values are displayed in the way in which we behave in every interaction – with each other, with our patients and residents, with their families and carers, and with visitors and other customers.

The behaviours that matter have been identified through consultation with staff. They are the minimum standard expected for all who work at Cabrini (employees, volunteers, and accredited staff). They describe the organisational culture that we think is fundamental to our mission to “provide excellence in all of our services.”

Unacceptable behaviours have also been identified and described as follows. These behaviours are inconsistent with our values, have a detrimental effect on others and prevent us from achieving our mission and quality goals. If you experience or witness these behaviours, please speak up. If you are unable to address the issue yourself, advise your manager, another senior member of staff or People and Culture.

We are committed to safety and quality:

Behaviours that matter	Unacceptable behaviours
We put patient/resident safety first	We are careless, impulsive or take unnecessary risks that may cause harm to patients/residents
We ask questions to understand the problem	We jump to conclusions and look for someone to blame
We admit when we make a mistake and seek a solution	We try to cover up or make excuses for mistakes
We look for opportunities to improve our care and services	We resist or sabotage change
We speak up when we see behaviour that is inconsistent with our values	We encourage or participate in poor behaviour

We are here to provide service:

Behaviours that matter	Unacceptable behaviours
We greet everyone warmly	We are rude or discourteous
We are always kind and caring	We are arrogant or demeaning
We give our full attention to the person speaking to us	We are distracted, impatient or dismissive
We communicate openly, sensitively and in a timely manner	We are dominating, abrupt or sarcastic

We work together to achieve the best outcome:

Behaviours that matter	Unacceptable behaviours
We are quick to offer help without waiting to be asked	We refuse to help even when it is clearly required
We share information readily to promote the best care and services	We withhold information or are competitive to the detriment of others

We do as we say we will	We are unreliable or inconsistent
We encourage and support each other	We berate or humiliate others
We give praise for a job well done	We are excessively critical or devalue the contributions of others

We exhibit a positive attitude:

Behaviours that matter	Unacceptable behaviours
We approach our day with energy and enthusiasm	We are negative or apathetic
We look for the best in people	We are judgemental and put others down
We take pride in our personal appearance	We look dishevelled, dirty, or have offensive personal odour

We want to build a just and sustainable community:

Behaviours that matter	Unacceptable behaviours
We treat each other fairly	We are hostile or abuse our power
We use our resources responsibly	We are wasteful or extravagant
We consider the environmental impact of all we do	We are thoughtless or careless

APPROVAL

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by the incumbent of this role. This document may be revised or updated at any time in line with role, and/or organisational changes. Any such changes will be communicated with the appointed person.

I certify that this position description is an accurate description of the responsibilities assigned to the role



Chief of Mental Health and Cabrini Outreach

Date: 27/11/2023