

Laura Durkin

Clinical and Forensic Psychologist

MPsych (Forensic), BPsych (Hons), MAPS

Overview – Key Skills

In nine years of practice as a self-employed contract psychologist, key responsibilities have included psychological assessment, report writing and treatment in the forensic, clinical and military populations. Within the assessment domain, key skills include extensive experience in psychological assessment (including psychometric testing) and report writing for criminal, civil and other legal contexts (including for immigration, domestic/family violence assessment, NCAT, pre-sentence reports, mental health reports, risk assessment, AAT, Workers Compensation, Corrections Victoria and the Firearms Registry NSW). Therapeutic work includes individual and group work with adults and adolescents (clinical, forensic and military) with diverse presentations and clinical issues, such as trauma (from PTSD to intergenerational trauma and complex trauma presentations), substance use issues, aggression, clinical disorders and personality disorders.

Experience/Employment

Pinnacle Rehab

2014 - Present

- Assessment and provision of psychological capacity assessments for people returning to work under WorkCover following workplace trauma (physical and psychological).
- Client/Insurer liaison.

LSC Psychology

2009 - Present

- Assessment and report writing for court and other legal proceedings.
- Clinical assessment.
- Therapy and treatment planning for clinical, military and forensic clients.

MindCare

2016 - 2018

- Forensic screening reports for Corrections Victoria.
- Assessment of treatment readiness for Corrections Victoria programs.

Just Psychology

2013 - 2014

- Provision of individual therapy with a clinical population.
- Independent management of caseload and client acquisition.
- Relationship building with health staff, including doctors and social workers.

Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service

2011 – 2013

- Individual treatment with veterans from across the age span.
- Strong focus on treatment of PTSD, Major Depressive Disorder, Generalised Anxiety Disorder, substance abuse, violence and family/couples interventions.

- Intake and case management.
- Research – military culture and the effects of service on the family.
- Area coordination.

The Sydney Clinic

2008 - 2012

- Treatment and case management of drug and alcohol and mood disorder in-patients.
- Facilitation of drug and alcohol and mood in- and out patient group therapy.
- Facilitation of meditation/relaxation or mindfulness groups.
- Facilitation of outpatient Bipolar Disorder treatment group.
- Program development, specifically with anger management treatment.
- Case management within a multidisciplinary team.

Department of Corrective Services (Intern Psychologist)

2008 – 2009

- Management and research into the efficacy of an offender domestic violence treatment program (Domestic Abuse Program), including management of the data set, data acquisition and organization, maintenance and redevelopment of database and literature review/ recommendations.

University of Western Sydney

2007 - 2008

- Research and report write up for ongoing project on premenstrual change.
- Proofing and editing of proposed journal articles.
- Data management and analysis of quantitative data set.

Education

Bridging Plan (Clinical Psychology)

2010 - 2013

Deakin University

Masters of Forensic Psychology

2008 - 2010

University of NSW

Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)

2004 – 2007

University of Western Sydney

Memberships, Endorsements and Registration

Australian Psychological Society: Member

Australian Psychological Society Forensic College: Member

Australian Psychological Society Clinical College: Member

Endorsed Clinical Psychologist

Endorsed Forensic Psychologist



Registration with the Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

Registration as endorsed VVCS clinician

Registration as endorsed Victims Services clinician