ACAP Placement Opportunities

Term 3, 2017
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Dorothy Impey Home, Pascoe Vale South

Dorothy Impey Home is a community-based not-for-profit aged care facility. Located in Pascoe Vale, the state of the art, purpose built 92 bed facility has provided care to the elderly citizens of the Moreland Community for over 45 years. The facility provides an “ageing in place” which means that there is no need for residents to ever have to move again as the care is adjusted to their needs. There are 3 Floors for different needs; (Students to work with all three floors)

- Ground floor – Dementia
- 1st Floor – Low Care Needs
- 2nd Floor – High Care Needs

The main issues that the residents deal with include

- New Residents transitioning into the facility
- Handling depression
- Grief / loss of a partner

The placement will include one to one counselling with residents.

**Important information:**

- Shortlisted applicants must be available for an agency interview in July
- Students must be eligible to start placement week commencing 4th September
- The placement is ideally suited to a mature age student who has a genuine interest in the aged care area
- Students close to the Pascoe Vale area might find it more advantageous from a travel perspective.

**Recommended Units:**

- Mental Health
- Family Counselling
- Grief and Loss

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Ngwala is a key service provider offering specialist alcohol and drug rehabilitation and outreach support services to the Aboriginal communities of Victoria. Through responsive leadership from management and specialist staff, Ngwala is able to provide a high quality service to the community that is outcome focused and culturally appropriate.

Ngwala supports clients over the age of 18 years who suffer from alcohol and/or drug dependency problems. The successful applicants will be involved in one to one counselling as well as centre activities.

All the centres offer a sixteen week highly structured residential program. The program offers a calm and supportive environment that gives an opportunity for clients to learn how to live a life free of substances. The program is based on the total abstinence model. Trained staffs facilitate daily groups covering a range of topics including:

- Relapse Prevention, Men’s Behavioural change
- Self Esteem & Anger Management
- Cultural Awareness
- Alcoholics & Narcotics Anonymous meetings

**Opportunity 1**

Yitjawudik Men’s Residential Rehabilitation Centre, Toolamba

**Opportunity 2**

Galiamble Men’s Recovery Centre, St Kilda

These placements are ideally suited to a pro-active, mature age students who are able to work independently and with experience or interest in alcohol and drugs. Students who have a genuine interest in working with people from different backgrounds and cultures are encouraged to apply!

**Important Information**

- Yitjawudik Men’s Residential Rehabilitation Centre, Shepparton (Male students only)
- Galiamble Men’s Recovery Centre, St Kilda (Male students only)
- Each placement will be commencing in early September through to mid-May 2018

Please Note: Due to the nature of the work, it is a requirement that the applicant MUST BE of the stated gender (The requirement to be of the stated gender is a genuine occupational pursuant to S31(2)(H) of the Anti-Discrimination act 1977).
**Important Information:**

- **Students must be proactive and able to work independently** – Ngwala Willumbong Co is an extremely busy agency and students are expected to be able to work independently of their supervisor while following instructions precisely.
- **Professionalism and clear adherence to Ngwala Willumbong Co policies and procedures** – students are given clear instructions by staff as to their role is with clients and the Policies and procedures of the organisation.

**Behavioural Expectations:**

- An open heart and mind
- Be comfortable in a non-main stream environment
- Do pre reading on the history of Aboriginal people /be aware of the impact of oppression on the indigenous people.
- Work within the sacred place and safe haven environment created there.

For more information please visit [http://www.ngwala.org.au/](http://www.ngwala.org.au/)

**Essential Units/Skills:**

- Mental Health Policy and Practice/Mental Health Practice/ Mental Health
- Alcohol & Other Drugs

**Recommended Units:**

- Family and Relationship Counselling/ Family Counselling
- Counselling in Loss/ Grief Counselling/ Trauma and Grief Therapy

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Russia Ethnic Representative Council

Fitzroy

A placement opportunity is now available for one counselling student and the agency has a strong preference for a Russian speaker.

The Russian Ethnic Representative Council is a non-profit organization, which promotes welfare, cultural interests, and provides support for the diverse Russian community in Victoria.

The placement involves one on one counselling unemployed clients, isolated, frail elderly clients, and counselling clients with disabilities. The placement may also involve the facilitation of support groups for long-term unemployed.

For further information regarding the agency please access: http://rerc.org.au

Important information:

- Spoken and written Russian language skills and knowledge of the Russian culture highly regarded
- Students must be able to attend an ACAP interview in mid July
- Shortlisted applicants must be available for an agency interview in late July
- Students must be eligible to start placement the week of 4th September

Recommended Units:

- Trauma Counselling
- Grief and Loss
- Mental Health

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Arnica Lodge
Alphington

Arnica Lodge is a 27 bed supported residential facility for people, who require 24-hour low-level assisted care. The majority of residents are between 18-45 years old, with either a diagnosis of mental health, a disability (including intellectual disability), an acquired brain injury, and/or dual disability.

Residents at Arnica Lodge usually stay long term.

ACAP students will have the opportunity to provide a free counselling service to the residents on the Allied Health Days (Thursdays) and also on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Counselling is 1:1 with the possibility of also running groups.

This placement is suited to self-directed students who are comfortable with participants with all levels of mental health issues. Students must be confident and able to work independently.

Arnica Lodge also offers students keen to explore other opportunities to work on various projects.

*Supervised counselling placements may be available over the weekend.*

**Important Information:**
- Mature postgraduate counselling students with related experience.

**Essential Units:**
- Mental Health Practice/ Mental Health Counselling

**Recommended Units:**
- Counselling in Loss/Grief Counselling/ Trauma and Grief Therapy
- Family and Relationship Counselling/ Family Counselling
- Group Work

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Doncare

Doncaster East

Doncare is an independent, not for profit agency providing services across life stages. The counselling program is one of the largest in Melbourne and has been running for over 40 years. Doncare is known for the quality of supervision provided to counsellors on placement.

The placement will involve one to one counselling of adult clients experiencing a wide range of issues such as domestic violence, significant trauma, anxiety, depression, mental health, grief & loss, family breakdown and parenting. There is the opportunity to run groups for adults and where appropriate children as well as participate in Intake and Single Session Therapy. A commitment to weekly group supervision and fortnightly individual supervision at Doncare is part of the placement expectation.

For further information please access: https://www.doncare.org.au/

Important Information:

The successful applicant will be on placement from late August to mid May 2018.

The placement will suit mature age students with relevant work/life experience and units. Language skills an advantage, in particular Chinese, Greek and Farsi.

- Successful student must be available for orientation in July/August.

Essential Units:

- Mental Health Policy and Practice/Mental Health Practice/ Mental Health

Recommended Units:

- Family and Relationship Counselling/ Family Counselling
- Counselling in Loss/ Grief Counselling/ Trauma and Grief Therapy
- Group Work / Groupwork Theory and Practice/ Group Therapy

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The Geelong Clinic

Geelong

The Geelong Clinic is currently accepting applications from postgraduate students for a placement commencing in early September, 2017.

This placement is predominantly group work but will also include individual assessments and low level counselling. The placement will be across a range of areas including addiction, eating disorders, personality disorders and high prevalence psychiatric disorders.

It is essential that you have completed the units ‘Mental Health’ and ‘Group Work’.

The successful student must attend placement two days a week for the duration of placement (to be negotiated with the placement supervisor).

For further information about The Geelong Clinic and their programs please visit the website.

**Important Information:**
- Postgraduate counselling students with related experience.

**Essential Units:**
- Mental Health Practice/ Mental Health Counselling
- Group Work

**Recommended Units:**
- Trauma and Grief Therapy

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Windermere is an independent community service organisation working across south east Victoria to help those who need it most. Since beginning more than 150 years ago, they have been working to create a stronger, more connected and supported community.

Their support comes in many forms as they work together to find the right solutions for the many and varied complex issues faced by children, families and individuals in the community.

This placement will be working with Domestic Violence clients in the form of 1:1 counselling. They take a holistic approach to their counselling. Also suited to a student who has a genuine interest in the area and would like to work in this area in the future.

**Important Information:**
- Postgraduate counselling students with related experience.

**Essential Units:**
- Mental Health Practice/ Mental Health Counselling

**Recommended Units:**
- Trauma and Grief Therapy

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Darebin Community Health

Reservoir

Darebin Community Health Service (DCH) provides a range of high-quality health services including allied health, dental, medical, counselling and alcohol and drug services to culturally and linguistically diverse clients, many from new and emerging communities in the local area.

The placement opportunity involves one to one counselling and requires the successful applicant to have related experience and to be able to work independently. Successful completion of units in Mental Health, Family Counselling and Drug and Alcohol as well as the ability to speak a second language is highly regarded e.g. Greek, Italian, Somali, Persian and Arabic.

Placements are available one day a week, either on a Wednesday or a Thursday.

Placements students with knowledge/learning in Family violence, an interest in working with young people or adults, including older adults (65+), are encouraged to apply.

For further information regarding Darebin Community Health please refer to http://www.dch.org.au/

Recommended Units:
- Trauma and Grief Therapy
- Mental Health Practice/ Mental Health Counselling
- Alcohol and Other Drugs
- Family Counselling

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Joseph’s Corner

Yarraville

Joseph’s Corner is a not-for-profit support service for family members of people with alcohol and drug addiction. It was established in 2001 as a response to the community’s need for support for family members of people with alcohol and drug addiction. Joseph’s Corner is located at three centres in Yarraville, Hopper’s Crossing and Laverton. They aim to provide support to families in stress and crisis and to provide appropriate ongoing support service, to enable families to cope and manage their difficult situation.

The placement consists of one-on-one counselling, as well as facilitating or co-facilitating small groups focusing on self-esteem or communication skills.

The successful student will need to be flexible for the days they attend placement. The set day for placement will be Tuesday mornings. The other hours will be made up on Tuesday afternoons, Wednesdays or Thursdays...depending on the client’s availability and needs. Josephs Corner will also provide 1:1 Clinical supervision in addition to the supervision provided at ACAP. Student with a car preferred to attend all sites as needed.”

**Important information:**

- The placement will involve travelling to the different centres that Josephs corner operate so access to a car and driving licence is essential.
- Suited to a student who has a genuine interest in the area and a lived experience would be an advantage. Also suited to a self-motivated student.

**Essential Units:**

- Alcohol and Other Drugs
- Group Work

**Recommended Units:**

- Trauma Counselling
- Mental Health

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Odyssey House
Werribee

Odyssey House Victoria is based at 2 Market Street Werribee, (behind train station). Odyssey House Victoria has been a place of hope and positive change for individuals working towards breaking their pattern of addiction to alcohol and other drugs for over 30 years.

Today, the work of Odyssey House is more relevant than ever. Each new day brings with it many more enquiries from the friends and loved ones of people struggling with drug or alcohol problems - and many drug users themselves - desperate to overcome the their addiction. They provide intensive support and drug and alcohol counselling to help people rebuild their lives.

The placement will mainly involve comprehensive intake and assessments, one to one counselling, and there will be some exposure to Group Therapy Programs also. There will be one to one supervision provided at Odyssey House in addition to the clinical supervision provided by ACAP.

The successful applicant must be comfortable and have a genuine interest in working with a range of adult clients, some with criminal backgrounds and both mental health and a substance abuse issues.

Pro-active students with previous counselling experience are encouraged to apply as the successful applicant will need to be able to hit the ground running!

For further information, please access: www.odyssey.org.au

**Essential Units:**

- Mental Health Practice
- Alcohol and Other drugs

**Recommended Units:**

- Groupwork

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JobCo Employment Services

JobCo. Employment Services Inc. is a community based not-for-profit employment service provider which has been delivering a comprehensive range of employment solutions to employers and jobseekers in the Melbourne and metropolitan region since 1994.

JobCo’s mission is to ensure that any person seeking employment services, training, counselling or support is assisted. For all clients they will provide a unique and individual experience of service where people feel listened to and supported in overcoming barriers, achieving equality and meaningful inclusion into their local community.

Their values are reflected both in the services they provide and in the investment of staff from a broad range of disciplines and cultural backgrounds.

JobCo are seeking a postgraduate counselling student to work with clients accessing the Disability Employment Services (DES). The Disability Employment Consultants concentrate on the vocational activities whilst the student counselor will concentrate on the client’s personal issues. Clients will be referred to the student for one to one counselling.

Students will manage a client load for one to one counselling.

What is DES?

DES aims to assist people living with a psychiatric, physical or sensory disability in gaining meaningful and sustainable employment. DES believes that people with a disability should be supported in their efforts to join the workforce and works closely with both job seekers and employers to make this happen. Their services provide clients with access to individually tailored employment services that are both flexible and responsive to their needs, with strong links to training and skills development.

For more information please visit http://www.jobco.com.au/

Important Information:

• Mature postgraduate counselling students with related experience.

Essential Units:

• Mental Health Practice/ Mental Health Counselling

Recommended Units:

• Counselling in Loss/Grief Counselling/ Trauma and Grief Therapy

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An exciting opportunity is now available for postgraduate counselling students requiring 40 hours of counselling only at WISE Employment offices.

WISE Employment helps job seekers to find meaningful work via Disability Employment Services and jobactive employment programs. The agency is seeking mature postgraduate counselling students to conduct one to one counselling with clients experiencing a range of mental health issues. Students will need to be pro-active, able to work independently and manage a client load for one to one counselling! Ability to use Microsoft Word, Microsoft Outlook and an iphone is required. Prior related experience an advantage.

The placement is one day a week to be discussed with the supervisor. All placements will commence early September 2017 and students will remain on placement until mid-May 2018.

**Important Information**

- Mature, Graduate Diploma of Counselling or Master of Counselling & Psychotherapy students with 40 hour counselling requirement only
- Related experience required as students will work independently
- Successful students will work independently. There are no counsellors on site.
- Computer skills and ability to use iphone required.

**Essential Units:**
- Mental Health Practice/ Mental Health Counselling

**Recommended Units:**
- Counselling in Loss/Grief Counselling/ Trauma and Grief Therapy

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Independence Australia

West Footscray

Independence Australia is a major provider of services to people with a disability. As a social enterprise, we’re about providing choices for people living with a disability or other personal need, supporting them to regain and retain their independence. We believe everyone should have the opportunity to fully participate in life and the community, regardless of ability.

Our aim is to improve the quality of your life and give you the resources, encouragement and power to make choices to enhance your well-being and lifestyle, whether it’s in your own home, local community or in our residential facilities.

When it was first established in 2001, our psychology service was the first of its kind in Victoria. Today we remain one of only a handful of social enterprises offering disability specific counselling and psychological services. Our specialty is working with people with a spinal cord injury or people who’ve had polio, but we also counsel people dealing with any form of physical disability.

Important information:

- Suited to a student who has a genuine interest in the area and who has a personal and/or work experience in disability
- The placement may involve working with diverse and challenging clients i.e. complex disabilities, trauma and or personality disordered traits.

Cover Letter

Students need to submit a cover letter if you wish to apply for this placement. **If you do not submit a cover letter, you will not be invited for an interview!**

When writing the cover letter, please review the organisation background (and disability related clients) and complete a short letter as one would do when applying for a job. For more information on how to write a cover letter please check in SONIA.

Recommended Units:

- Trauma Counselling
- Groupwork Theory and Practice

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Located in Warragul, Erin Dolan and Associates is a private practice offering support to children, youth, adults, families and couples. Their services include mental health, counselling, psychology and group therapy to name a few.

The successful student will be working in a small multi-disciplinary team carrying out 1:1 counselling with a small caseload, which will gradually grow.

Suited to a proactive student who is along interested in undertaking co-facilitation of group therapy programs.

**Essential Units:**
- Mental Health Practice/ Mental Health Counselling
- Group Work

**Recommended Units:**
- Counselling in Loss/Grief Counselling/ Trauma and Grief Therapy

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Brentwood Secondary College & Thriving Youth Australia

Glen Waverly & Wantirna

Locations

**Brentwood Secondary College**: Glen Waverley

**Thriving Youth Australia**: Wantirna Secondary College

Attendance

Students must attend a minimum of 2 days a week from 8am to 4.15pm (Finish time may vary – this is dependent on debriefing, so some flexibility required.)

Placement days

Two placement days must include either a Monday, Wednesday or Friday for peer and group supervision.

Small group supervision (weekly) is provided, briefing and debriefing (daily) and individual supervision can be provided by negotiation.

Placements will be offered at either Brentwood Secondary College or Wantirna Secondary College through the TYA program. These placement offers placement students a diverse experience.

Additional information:

A structured placement with a wide range of opportunities.

Students journal at least twice a week, complete case notes and must be able to work in teams.

Brentwood, have eight key teams within our placement program that play an integral role in supporting the school community. Each of these teams are made up of tertiary placement students, guided by a Wellbeing staff member. Each of the teams provide opportunity for development of counselling practice.

Intake: The primary role of Intake workers is to assess and organise students who want to access wellbeing support. Intake workers are responsible for initial assessment of students, crisis management, record keeping and other general office duties. Intake workers need to be effective communicators and be capable of implementing strong boundaries with students.

Transition Management: The primary role of Transition Managers is to manage the Transition room and support young people with their transition back into learning and the college community. Transition Managers work closely with the Outreach Team, Intake Workers and Sub Mangers to identify and address the individual needs of students that are accessing the Transition room.

Student Engagement and Outreach*: The Primary role of the outreach team is to reconnect students who have disengaged with school and/or learning. Outreach team members conduct home visits and often work closely student’s families. Outreach work collaboratively with Student Managers, Parent Support,

Transition Managers and Intake to develop and implement case management plans for students.
Student Support: The Student Support Team provide regular and consistent level of counselling and support to students at the college. The Student Support team supports all elements of the Wellbeing programs in the College. Student Support team members are allocated a caseload of approx. 4-8 students and are responsible for checking in with their caseload on a regular basis.

EAL Team: The EAL team works with student who are enrolled with English as an Alternate Language. The EAL team support students both in and outside of the classroom with the stress of translation, academic workload and social and language challenges.

Social Work: The Social Work team consists of student that are completing their social work degree. The Social Work team design and implement programs, case management plans, referrals and provide general support to the Brentwood community.

Resilience Workers: The primary role of Resilience Workers is to build the emotional and intellectual capacity of students in the classroom. They aim to support students to build resilience in their learning and relationships. Resilience workers conduct assessments and implement strategies for regulation (decision making, impulse control) and self-reflection. Resilience workers also provide counselling and implement therapeutic strategies and practices such as mindfulness, strength based approaches in the classroom.

Parent Support: The primary role of Parent Support Workers is to work therapeutically with a designated case load of parents. Parent Support workers also offer support, guidance and psychoeducation to parents around adolescent issues.

*All home visits must be accompanied by a staff member

All students on placement will be expected to:

- Manage a counselling case load
- Record case notes
- Offer in and out of class support as directed
- Work in the transition room via a roster system
- Offer casual support at recess and lunchtime
- Attend regular supervision
- Attend morning and afternoon team briefing/reflection sessions

Important Information:

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Compulsory School Retreats:

A placement with Brentwood Secondary College or Thriving Youth Australia also includes the compulsory attendance at 2 retreat events - one reflective and the other psycho-educational. These events are usually held during each school holiday in September, January, Easter and June. Added to this there is also an end of year celebration event.

Therefore placements students undertaking this placement will need to commit to attending the 2 retreats and the end of year experience. It will be important to students to speak with their placement supervisor BEFORE making any plans during the holiday periods to make sure they attend these days.

The next retreat is to be held in September.

Essential Units:

- Counselling Children and Young People /Family Counselling

*(On occasions students may be permitted to enrol in these concurrent with placement)*

Recommended Units:

- Group Work/Group Work Theory
- Mental Health Policy & Practice/Mental Health Counselling
- Trauma/Grief/Loss

Desirable:

- Prior phone or face-to-face counselling experience
- Experience with secondary age children

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Manor Lakes P:12 College is currently seeking 1-2 motivated, pro-active team players who are keen to complete a placement in a school setting of our 1800 plus students.

The College is committed to inclusive education and they strive to provide specific programs and opportunities for students with a range of educational needs.

Opportunities are varied but the placement includes one to one counselling work and group facilitation with students. The successful applicant may also work on social skills with an ASD student, implement anger management skills, and general counselling to our school community.

Important Information

- Placement students are to complete a minimum of 30 counselling hours with under 18’s and a minimum of 10 counselling hours with adults.
- Placements students must not counsel children 12 years and under.

Essential Units:
- Counselling Children and Young People /Family Counselling

Recommended Units:
- Group Work
- Counselling in Loss/Grief Counselling/ Trauma and Grief Therapy
- Mental Health Policy & Practice/Mental Health Counselling

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McClelland Secondary College

Frankston

McClelland Secondary College is a secondary school located in Frankston.

McClelland College’s programs are designed to encourage the highest standards of achievement in everything students undertake. School objectives are to provide each student with the essential skills required for lifelong learning, and the breadth of outlook they will need to be successful in an evolving global community. Values of respect, tolerance and hard work are highly regarded and rewarded.

ACAP Counselling students on placement will experience a broad range of counselling and support work with teens and some over 18’s. This is a demanding and confronting placement and not for everyone. Student issues range from truancy through to violence, self-harm and suicidal ideation. This secondary college has a great need for counselling services for their students.

To be successful on this placement, you need to be a strong team player, sensitive to group dynamics and willing to be supportive of fellow students at all times. Students undertaking a placement at McClelland College are eligible to ‘count’ a maximum of 40/46 hours of counselling with under 18’s (though they may experience far more). However any opportunity to counsel adults is encouraged.

Important Information:
- School policy requires placement students to dress professionally at all times. Piercings and tattoos must be covered.
- Placement students are to complete 40/46 hours of counselling with students between 13 and 17 years of age
- Placements students must not counsel children 12 years and under.

Essential Units:
- Counselling Children and Young People /Family Counselling

Recommended Units:
- Mental Health
- Group Work
- Counselling in Loss/Grief Counselling/ Trauma and Grief Therapy

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Campaspe College

Echuca

Campaspe College provides fully-funded vocational training in skill shortage areas and for unemployed/underprivileged equity groups in the Campaspe Shire located within the Loddon-Mallee farming region.

The successful applicant will provide one to one counselling services to Campaspe College students and there is also the opportunity to facilitate groups.

Student issues range from depression, alcohol and drugs, homelessness, eating disorders and unemployment to family issues.

The placement will suit mature age students with relevant work/life experience.

For further information please access: [http://www.ccae.vic.edu.au](http://www.ccae.vic.edu.au)

**Essential Units:**

- Mental Health Practice/ Mental Health Counselling

**Recommended Units:**

- Alcohol and Other Drugs
- Counselling in Loss/Grief Counselling/ Trauma and Grief Therapy

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Bendigo Kangan Institute is the largest TAFE provider in Victoria with community engagement stretching from Richmond in the East to Echuca in the North.

Regular enrolments in the tens of thousands and the a broad spread of demographic profiles; see the Student Engagement and Retention team integral to the success of the student population.

Services range from Academic supports and Library services to Welfare, Wellbeing, Youth Work and Counselling services; to name but a few.

In the counselling space we take a crisis, de-escalation/intervention, referral and bridging model approach.

All services are person centric and unconditional positive regard driven with a recognition of trauma practices and unique needs.

Our student/client base ranges for 15 years old upwards, with Indigenous, CALD, refugee background, migrant background, AOD, lower SES and complex mental health, disability and disadvantaged groups. In short, everyone comes to TAFE and we are proud of that fact.

So if you seek a placement that will see you exposed to a broad range of clients, a supportive and person centred team experience and a no-nonsense, practical approach to care for all; please consider Bendigo Kangan Institute.

**Essential Units:**

- Trauma and Grief Therapy

**Recommended Units:**

- Mental Health Practice/ Mental Health Counselling

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SAE Qantm – Creative Media Institute

South Melbourne

SAE, South Melbourne, offer creative media courses at Diploma and Bachelor levels.

This is a high level placement accepting post graduate students – Masters of Counselling & Psychotherapy or Graduate Diploma of Counselling only. Experience in the industry (such as Lifeline, Griefline or other telephone crisis work, or counselling experience is highly regarded.

ACAP Student Counsellors will provide one to one counselling services to SAE students. Counselling issues could include mental health issues, anxiety, depression, DV, AOD, homelessness, special learning needs (e.g. ASD, dyslexia), relationship issues and self-esteem.

For further information about SAE, please visit the website.

ACAP Students will generally work in pairs and collaborate throughout the placement.

Students will need to demonstrate the following skills in order to be successful in this challenging pilot program:

This placement requires students to have the following essential skills and attributes:

- Strong counselling skills
- Initiative and flexibility,
- Resilience and creativity,
- Team work and ability to work unsupervised
- Strong ability to build rapport with a diverse range of clients, most of whom are young adults
- Professionalism and clear adherence to boundaries
- Strong work ethic
- Ability to work cohesively in a small team

**Orientation:** Late August - tba

**Important information:**

- Shortlisted applicants must be available for an agency interview in July
- Students must be eligible to start placement late August/early September

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