

The NEWS!

South East Education & Training News

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Welcome to The NEWS

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<http://www.med.monash.edu.au/spppm/research/southern synergy/workforce.html>

The News in this edition highlights:

- Dual Diagnosis Training - 11 November
- The ABC Catalysts Program on Thursday
- Graduate Education programs of relevance to you!

Training News: *Local Training*

November November

11th

Dual Disability: *This workshop covers all the bases of mental illness in people with intellectual disability by examining and reviewing the systemic issues as well as difficulties in assessment and management.* (Venue is at Dandenong) .

CATALYST - Marijuana Madness - The Verdict ! This Thursday night is on ABC's Catalyst: Marijuana Madness (30/10/2008)

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Can marijuana send you mad? That was certainly the message behind the 1930's cautionary tales, like "Reefer Madness".

By the 1970's cannabis was presented as being cool - a harmless lifestyle herb, and, despite its use being illegal, its consumption rose accordingly.

But was there truth behind Reefer Madness after all?

Even 5 years ago, the jury was still out on whether cannabis causes psychosis. However, now the data are in and so is the verdict. Scientists can now not only tell you it does, they can tell you how it does and who is most at risk.



APPLY NOW!!



Graduate Programs

Forensic Behavioural Science

Comprehensive course content

The units comprising the program include:

- Fundamentals of forensic behavioural science
- The role of mental health in criminal offending
- Mental health and the correctional system
- Advanced risk assessment and risk management
- Assessment and management of problem behaviours
- Personality disorder in the forensic context
- Developmental aspects of forensic behavioural science
- Psychiatric nursing in the forensic context

Tailored to the needs of busy professionals

All units are delivered in an off-campus learning (distance education) format, supplemented by a one-day intensive workshop component held at the Caulfield campus of Monash University, close to the Melbourne CBD. Off-campus learning is provided by a combination of high quality print material and the Monash University Studies Online (MUSO) internet-based teaching and communication platform. There is ample flexibility for students to study at their own pace.

Further information

Further information on the course is available from the web at: www.med.monash.edu.au/spppm/pgrad or by emailing fbs.enquiries@med.monash.edu.au

Application forms are available from the above web site.

- How can we assist offenders with complex mental health needs?
- How can our service safely manage clients with a forensic history?
- How can I apply current best practice in violence risk assessment to my daily work?
- How can we enhance engagement with treatment in our client group?
- How can we manage and reduce violence in our workplace?

Forensic behavioural science is an emerging field of discourse at the interface of human services and criminal justice systems, which concerns itself with such questions.

The field draws on a range of disciplines including psychology, psychiatry, nursing, criminology, law, social work and ethics. A practical, multidisciplinary educational opportunity

A program with broad appeal, to foster interdisciplinary understanding

The program is of relevance to a broad range of professionals, including Psychiatrists and other medical practitioners, Psychologists, Nurses, Case managers, Therapeutic program managers, Social workers, Occupational therapists, Police officers, Corrections officers, Child protection workers, Juvenile justice workers and Policy and program developers

Admission requirements

Minimum admission requirements are:

- a three-year Bachelor's degree (or equivalent) and:
- one year of postgraduate study in a relevant field or at least one year of relevant work experience.

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES - COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

Are you interested in expanding your knowledge and skills in community mental health practice?

This course is designed to develop skills and knowledge in contemporary community mental health practice. Taught by experienced clinicians, the course is offered on a part-time basis over two years and is delivered through the off-campus learning mode (distance education).

The study of single subjects is also possible.

Entry is open to graduates of nursing, social work, psychology, medicine, psychiatry, occupational therapy and similar disciplines with relevant experience with people who have a mental illness. Staff who assist people with a mental illness in the community, welfare or health sectors are encouraged to apply.

Please contact: John Julian on 03 9554 1590 or at john.julian@med.monash.edu.au

Please see our website for details at: <http://www.med.monash.edu.au/spppm/pgrad/gdcmh.html> or contact :
Course Administration on Ph 03 9594 1478 or
John Julian on Ph 03 9554 1590 or
Email: gdcmh@med.monash.edu.au
Applications for entry at Semester 1, 2009, close on 30 November, 2008. Late applications will be considered subject to available places.

Admission forms and procedures can be found on:

<http://www.adm.monash.edu.au/admissions/pgdirectappform.html>

Course Content

In Year One of the course the following four core units will be taken: Clinical Practice Essentials, The Context for Mental Health Practice, Concepts in Mental Health and Illness, Issues for Mental Health Practice. In Year Two, four electives are taken from a choice of the following units: Advanced Psychological Interventions, Mental Health of the Elderly, Perspectives in Developmental Mental Health (child and adolescent), Dual Disabilities (drug & alcohol; intellectual disability combined with mental illness), Trans-cultural Mental Health, Mental Health in Rural Settings,

Training News: *Other Training*

Thursday 27 & Friday 28, November 2008

NB: The workshops may be applied for as separate single days or as a two day workshop.

Registrations close: **7 November 2008 (Workshop places will be confirmed on receipt of payment)**

Target Audience: Public mental health clinicians working with adults experiencing eating disorders.

Venue: The Treacy Centre

126 The Avenue, PARKVILLE Vic 3050

Cost: \$500.00 for both days, or \$250.00 for 1day (inc. GST)

Enquiries: michelle.roberton@mh.org.au

Professor Treasure is based at the South London Maudsley Hospital NHS Trust, a leading centre of training in and clinical management of eating disorders. Professor Treasure has specialised in the treatment of eating disorders for over 24 years. She was chairman of the Physical treatment section of the UK NICE guideline committee.

She has been active in research over this time, and has over 140 peer reviewed papers. In 2004 she was awarded the Academy for Eating Disorders (AED) Leadership Award in Research. In 2007 she was awarded an Eating Disorders National Award by B-eat (the UK self help and carer organisation). Professor Treasure has expertise in research into the biological and psychological aspects of eating disorders, including personality factors, psychosocial risk, neuropsychology, neuro-imaging and molecular genetics.

Professor Treasure has edited texts on eating disorders and women's issues and she has authored three self help books: on bulimia nervosa, on anorexia nervosa and a skills-based manual for carers.

You can download registration page at:

<http://www.med.monash.edu.au/spppm/research/southern synergy/clusternews.html>

Introductory Course in Narrative Therapy

Fighting Fair: Mediation & Conflict Resolution Training: 13 and 14 November

This interactive and stimulating 2 day course will assist professionals to explore conflict and impart the essential principles and process of mediation. The structured 5-step mediation model and specific conflict resolution skills will be presented and practiced. The course can be utilised in many different areas of conflict e.g. client work, workplace disputes and interpersonal conflict. Endorsed by the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW) and the Australian Psychological Society (APS). It attracts **24 CPE** points through the AASW and 14 Generalist PD points through the APS.

For further details see attached flyer or logon to: www.fightingfair.com.au