

JOB ROLE

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT WORKER

LEVEL OF GROWTH FOR JOB ROLE



- Projected change of +6.04%
- From 96,486 in 2025 to 102,315 in 2030

AVERAGE SALARY FOR OCCUPATION



Entry level
(1-3 years' experience)



Senior
(8+ years' experience)

WHAT DO EMPLOYERS WANT?



SPECIALISED SKILLS

- Case Management
- Working With Children
- Meal Planning And Preparation
- Trauma Care
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

- Communication
- Advocacy
- Problem Solving
- Interpersonal Communications
- Resilience

DIGITAL SKILLS

- Microsoft 365 Applications
- Case Management Software

EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS



TOP SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES WHO ADVERTISED FOR THIS JOB ROLE IN THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS:

- Health Care & Social Assistance
- Public Administration & Safety
- Financial & Insurance Services

TOP SOUTH AUSTRALIAN EMPLOYERS WHO ADVERTISED FOR THIS JOB ROLE IN THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS:

- Life Without Barriers
- Uniting SA
- Mission Australia
- Centacare
- Country & Outback Health



YOU MIGHT CONSIDER UNDERTAKING STUDY TO TRANSITION INTO THESE RELATED JOB ROLES:

- Social Worker
- Case Manager



QUALIFICATION PATHWAYS

Looking to progress your career? TAFE SA can help you further your study with these courses (*fees may apply)

- Certificate IV in Mental Health (CHC43315)

Or undertake a range of short courses to supplement your existing knowledge or continue upskilling.

Further information available on the TAFE SA website.



NETWORKING WITH INDUSTRY

Networking with industry provides you with opportunities to gain employment, advance your career and stay current with industry changes.

Conferences and workshops are an excellent way to introduce yourself to key industry contacts.

Follow these organisations on social media:

- Lived Experience Workforce Program (LEWP)
- Mental Health Coalition of South Australia (MHCSA)
- Festival of Nowmindshare

Consider these opportunities to find employment:

- Send your resume to relevant businesses in your local area
- Look for employment opportunities advertised on
 - the TAFE SA Jobs Board
 - online employment websites like Seek
 - the job board on your local Regional Development Australia (RDA) website



CAREER SUPPORT

Not sure where to start? TAFE SA's Student Services can provide you with a range of career planning support including:

- career planning
- write a winning resume
- how to respond to selection criteria
- cover letters that stand out
- preparing for job interviews

To find out more, or to book an appointment, visit TAFE SA's Career Support Page: Career Support (tafesa.edu.au)

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