

JOB ROLE

MENTAL HEALTH WORKER

LEVEL OF GROWTH FOR JOB ROLE



- > Projected change of +25.2%
- > From 75,600 in 2021 to 94,700 in 2026

AVERAGE SALARY FOR OCCUPATION



Entry level
(1-3 years' experience)



Senior
(8+ years' experience)

WHAT DO EMPLOYERS WANT?



SPECIALISED SKILLS

- > Working with Patient and/or Condition: Mental Health
- > Rehabilitation
- > Working with Patient and/or Condition: Preventable Diseases
- > Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
- > Rehabilitation Services

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

- > Communication Skills
- > Time Management
- > Listening
- > Energetic
- > Detail-Orientated

EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS



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

- > Hospitals (except Psychiatric Hospitals)
- > State Government Administration
- > Other Social Assistance Services
- > Other Allied Health Services

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

- > Government of South Australia
- > Uniting Communities
- > Mind Australia
- > Accept Care
- > Senami Counselling & Psychotherapy Services

LOOK FOR JOBS BEING ADVERTISED USING THESE JOB TITLES:

- > Mental Health Support Worker
- > Mental Health Psychosocial Support Worker – OPS2
- > Mental Health Support Worker – OPS2
- > Support Worker Mental Health Services
- > Mental Health Support Worker – Recovery Retreats





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)
- > Diploma of Mental Health (CHC53315)

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

Further information available on the TAFESA website.



JOB HOLDER COMMENTS

“Studying at TAFE SA has been a very positive experience for me. The lecturers are knowledgeable and provided a supportive learning environment that has allowed me to thrive. My success in my study has given me the confidence to gain work as a mental health enrolled nurse and I plan to continue my study at university.”

Therese Royals
Diploma of Mental Health (CHC53315)



NETWORKING WITH INDUSTRY

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

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

Follow these organisations on social media:

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

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 \(tafesa.edu.au\)](https://www.tafesa.edu.au)

Data sources:

Burning Glass Technologies. "Labor Insight™ Real-Time Labor Market Information Tool." <http://www.burning-glass.com>. 2021, data sourced 2023

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