

Prevocational Program Accreditation Report



The Adelaide Prevocational Psychiatry Program (TAPPP)

Accreditation Report Details

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Accreditation Decision

4 years with 5 provisos

Executive Summary

The Adelaide Prevocational Psychiatry Program (TAPPP) is a psychiatric education program for post-graduate year 2 plus (PGY2+) trainee medical officers (TMOs). The TAPPP Medical Education Unit (MEU) governance is provided as part of the Central Adelaide Local Health Network (CALHN), with oversight from the CALHN Executive Director Medical Services (EDMS) and with the CALHN Director of Mental Health delegated to provide day-to-day support and accountability for the TAPPP MEU. TAPPP MEU is responsible for coordinating the prevocational psychiatry education and training program and providing welfare support to TAPPP TMOs.

CALHN have undergone significant changes recently, including at executive and level, and the engagement with administrative partners, KordaMentha to implement a Sustainability Plan and an Organisational and Financial Recovery Plan. As part of this plan there is an ongoing review of the CALHN wide education and training structure and reporting lines which will include TAPPP MEU reporting lines. Despite these challenges, TAPPP has been managed well by the TAPPP MEU and experts in psychiatric care.

TAPPP is a unique program that provides TMOs with significant psychiatry experience in inpatient and community settings, whilst accessing a structured weekly psychiatry education and training program and high level supervision and support. TAPPP TMOs indicated they received excellent psychiatric clinical experience and education and training, with most TAPPP TMOs able to attend education and training sessions, with non-attendance limited to unexpected clinical need.

TAPPP TMOs attend a Local Health Network (LHN) corporate orientation, an eight hour TAPPP orientation held at Glenside Campus and LHN site specific / unit orientation. Most TAPPP TMOs confirmed the LHN site specific and individual unit orientations were adequate and received supplementary orientation information. There were suggestions for more time designated for training on the use of psychiatric specific electronic management systems, however overall most TMOs were satisfied with the orientation programs.

Most TAPPP TMOs reported they were well supervised during TAPPP terms, which includes a one hour face-to-face formal weekly feedback / supervision session with term supervisors. TAPPP MEU regularly monitors supervision of TAPPP TMOs and will intervene and make alternative arrangements for supervision if any concerns are identified or raised by TMOs.

In addition to the weekly feedback / supervision sessions with term supervisors, all TAPPP TMOs undertake mid-term and end-of-term formative and summative assessments. Term supervisors consult with the multi-disciplinary team for feedback on TAPPP TMO performance and discuss with TMOs at time of assessment. TAPPP MEU monitor and review TAPPP TMO assessments and will assist with remediation if required.

TAPPP TMO welfare is a high priority for TAPPP MEU staff with TAPPP MEU commended for providing exceptional welfare support to TAPPP TMOs and facilitating a continuously monitored education and training program. The MEU is also to be commended for providing substantial support to TMOs in regards to timesheet preparation and provision of local work instructions.