

# MASTER OF FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM SCHOOL OF PSYCHIATRY, FACULTY OF MEDICINE UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Forensic Mental Health is a sub-speciality of mental health in which scientific and clinical expertise is applied to legal issues in legal contexts, combining civil, criminal, correctional and legislative matters. It embraces the therapeutic objectives of mental health services to a specific forensic target group, as well as providing mental health evaluation and consultation, which is also concerned with an outcome in the legal justice system.



With the emergence of this sub-speciality internationally over the past 50 years, there is a strong need for highly trained skilled workforce to implement these services. Both locally and abroad, demand for these services has exceeded available personnel. The program aims to provide higher specialised levels of expertise on the clinical and legal aspects of Law and Forensic Mental Health to an emerging skilled multidisciplinary workforce.

The program capitalises on the growing strength of the relationship between NSW Justice Health and the UNSW School of Psychiatry. There are also strong collaborative relations between Justice Health and a variety of NSW stakeholders including the Department of Corrective Services, Attorney General's Office, the judiciary, legal agencies, and various professional bodies. The program also has the opportunity to draw upon the existing body of leading expertise and rich resources based at Justice Health Long Bay Matraville complex. Several of the leading experts in the field currently have conjoint appointments with the School of Psychiatry and participate in the MFMHP.

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