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SA Health Job Pack

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| Job Title | Direct Care Worker |
| Job Number | 578740 |
| Applications Closing Date | 29 January 2016 |
| Region / Division | Country Health SA Local Health Network |
| Health Service | South East Regional Community Health |
| Location | Tatiara, Naracoorte, Millicent, Mt Gambier |
| Classification | WHA3/ WHA4/ WHA5 |
| Job Status | Casual Appointment (up to 1 Jan 2017) |
| Salary | WHA3:\$23.94 - \$24.20 per hour + 25% casual loading WHA4:\$24.46 - \$24.74 per hour + 25% casual loading WHA5:\$25.09 - \$25.36 per hour + 25% casual loading |

Criminal History Assessment

Applicants will be required to demonstrate that they have undergone an appropriate criminal and relevant history screening assessment/ criminal history check. Depending on the role, this may be a Department of Communities and Social Inclusion (DCSI) Criminal History Check and/or a South Australian Police (SAPOL) National Police Check (NPC). The following checks will be required for this role:

- ☒ Child Related Employment Screening - **DCSI**
- ☐ Vulnerable Person-Related Employment Screening - **NPC**
- ☒ Aged Care Sector Employment Screening - **NPC**
- ☐ General Employment Probity Check - **NPC**

Further information is available on the SA Health careers website at www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/careers - see Career Information, or by referring to the nominated contact person below.

Contact Details

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Guide to submitting an application

Thank you for considering applying for a position within SA Health. Recruitment and Selection processes across SA Health are based on best practice and a commitment to a selection based on merit. This means treating all applications in a fair and equitable manner that aims to choose the best person for the position.

A well presented, easy to read application will allow the panel to assess the information they need from your application. To give yourself the best opportunity to reach interview, the application should clearly and concisely demonstrate to the selection panel that you are suitably equipped to perform the role, and that you possess all of the stated minimum essential skills, abilities, knowledge, experience and educational qualifications (where required).

The online application form to apply for this position will ask for employment history, education, qualifications and referees however to understand the position and requirements we suggest you become familiar with the attached Job and Person Specification.

We request that you attach the following to your application -

- ✍ **A covering letter** of up to 2 pages introducing yourself to the selection panel and describing your skills, abilities, knowledge, qualifications and experience in relation to the position;
- ✍ **A current Curriculum vitae/Resume** that includes your personal details, relevant employment history, education, training courses, qualifications and professional memberships.

* Refer to <http://www.sahealthcareers.com.au/information/> for further information regarding

- The Indicative Total Remuneration which is inclusive of Award salary, superannuation and other monetary benefits.
- Information for Applicants
- Criminal History Assessment requirements



ROLE DESCRIPTION

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| Role Title: | Direct Care Worker - Community |
| Classification: | WHA-4 |
| Stream: | Direct Care |
| Local Health Network: | Country Health SA Local Health Network Inc. |
| Business Unit: | South East Regional Community Health Service |
| Type of Appointment: | Casual |
| Criminal History Clearance Requirements: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aged (NPC) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Child- Prescribed (DCSI) <input type="checkbox"/> Vulnerable (NPC) <input type="checkbox"/> General Probity (NPC) |

ROLE SPECIFICATION

Summary of the broad purpose of the role in relation to the organisation's goals

The Direct Care Worker (Community) will assist in providing a direct client service to persons who are aged, frail or disabled who wish to remain living in their own home with some assistance.

Reporting/Working Relationships

The Direct Care Worker (Community) is accountable to the Home Support Co-ordinator and works in close collaboration with Community Health professionals and is part of a multi-disciplinary team.

Special Conditions

- > It is mandatory that no person, whether or not currently working in SA Health, will be eligible for appointment to a position in SA Health unless they have obtained a satisfactory Background Screening and National Criminal History Clearance.
- > Prescribed Positions under the Children's Protection Act (1993) must obtain a satisfactory Background Screening and National Criminal History Clearance through the Screening and Licensing Unit, Department for Communities and Social Inclusion (DCSI).
- > Approved Aged Care Provider Positions as defined under the Accountability Principles 1998 made in pursuant to the Aged Care Act 2007 (Cth) must obtain a satisfactory National Police Certificate (NPC) through the South Australian Police confirming the clearance is for the purpose of working in Aged Care.
- > Prescribed Positions will also require a NPC general probity clearance.
- > Background Screening and National Criminal History Clearances must be renewed every 3 years thereafter from date of issue.
- > Depending on work requirements the incumbent may be transferred to other locations across SA Health to perform work appropriate to classification, skills and capabilities either on a permanent or temporary basis subject to relevant provisions of the *Public*

Sector Act 2009 for Public Sector employees or the SA Health (Health Care Act) Human Resources Manual for Health Care Act employees.

- > The incumbent may be required to participate in Counter Disaster activities including attendance, as required, at training programs and exercises to develop the necessary skills required to participate in responses in the event of a disaster and/or major incident.
- > The position is primarily located at a designated site within South East Regional Community Health Service but the incumbent maybe required to work from other sites within the South East area.
- > Must be an Australian resident or hold a current working visa.
- > The incumbent will be required to enter into an Annual Performance Review and Development Plan for the achievement of specific, service or program outcomes.
- > Current drivers license and willingness to drive.

Statement of Key Outcomes and Activities

Contribute to the provision of a qualitative care for clients by:

- report and record on general observations of individual clients
- complete routine documentation in accordance with established policies and procedures
- identify diversional therapy needs of individuals and/or groups
- provision of diversional therapy to individual and/or groups in accordance with established programs
- complete routine documentation in accordance with established policies and procedures including appropriate risk assessments of a client's home.

Contribute to the efficient and effective operation of the health unit by:

- may require the set up, program and operation of machinery, equipment and/or facilities, and recording systems including computerised systems
- an ability to determine and appraise methods of work organisation
- implementation of detailed directions and procedures
- provide assistance and guidance within their level of expertise to other employees
- assist in the provision of on the job training
- tasks performed are relevant to a particular worksite or location and are performed either as an individual or team member.

Demonstrates and maintains a satisfactory knowledge and skill base to perform role by:

- undertaking training as required and maintaining required skills and knowledge applicable to the role.

An employee at Level 4 will be required to perform duties at the lower level.

GENERAL

Employees have a responsibility and obligation to comply with statutory and organisational requirements, procedures and rules that are introduced to ensure a safe and healthy work environment, free of discrimination by:

- › Complying with workplace policies and guidelines
- › Comply with and have a working knowledge and understanding of the requirement for all staff employed in the organisation in regards to confidentiality.
- › Contributing to the development and implementation of departmental strategic directions and plans.
- › Commitment to the continuous improvement in the provision of customer service.
- › Participation in continuous quality improvement programs and accreditation activities.

- › Ensuring cultural sensitivity is maintained by attending and contribute to their learning in diversity of cultural awareness and cross cultural training, with a frequency to be determined as appropriate by the organisation.
- › All staff will actively support and contribute to risk management by maintaining an awareness of the risks relating to their area of responsibility and accountability including the identification and reporting of such risks
- › It is the responsibility of every employee to ensure that no official record created or received (in any format) is destroyed without following prescribed retention procedures and subsequent authorisation from State Records. It is further the responsibility of every employee to ensure they gain an understanding of what constitutes an official record. It is a requirement that all employees will adhere to the prescribed Policy, Procedures & Practices of this organisation in relation to records management.

Contribute to the well-being of people in South Australia through participation in Counter Disaster activities including attendance, as required, at training programs and exercises to develop the necessary skills required to participate in responses in the event of a disaster and/or major incident.

Contribute to the promotion and implementation of the Public Sector Act principles and practices and employee conduct standards, in particular Equal Opportunity and Occupational Health Safety and Welfare by adhering to the provisions of relevant legislative requirements.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

ESSENTIAL MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Educational/Vocational Qualifications (include only those listed as an essential qualification for the specified classification group)

Completed AQF Certificate III relevant to the position.

Personal Abilities/Aptitudes/Skills: (related to the job description and expressed in a way which allows objective assessment)

- Proven ability to work well within a team environment.
 - Sound interpersonal and communication skills and the ability to relate to people from different cultures, backgrounds and circumstances.
 - Ability to use discretion and maintain strict confidentiality.
 - Proven ability to meet deadlines and timeframes.
 - Ability to provide assistance and co-operation to other staff.
 - Demonstrated ability to perform under limited direction.
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Experience

- Proven experience in exercising own judgment and initiative in the day to day execution of a position.
 - Experience in the provision of a direct care service in a health related field.
 - Experience in dealing with aged, frail or disabled persons.
 - Experience in the use of computer packages eg. Microsoft Word, Excel.
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Knowledge

- Knowledge of safe working conditions.
- Knowledge and commitment to customer service principles.
- An understanding of the spirit of the principles of the Premier's Safety Commitment and the legislative requirements of Risk Management standard, Equal Employment Opportunity and Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare legislation.

DESIRABLE CHARACTERISTICS (To distinguish between applicants who have met all essential requirements)

Educational/Vocational Qualifications (considered to be useful in carrying out the responsibilities of the position)

- A current first aid certificate.

Personal Abilities/Aptitudes/Skills: (related to the job description and expressed in a way which allows objective assessment)

- Nil

Experience

- Nil

Knowledge

- Knowledge of Aged Care Standards.
- Knowledge of aged care related issues.

Other Details:

ORGANISATIONAL CONTEXT

Organisational Overview:

Our mission at SA Health is to lead and deliver a comprehensive and sustainable health system that aims to ensure healthier, longer and better lives for all South Australians. We will achieve our objectives by strengthening primary health care, enhancing hospital care, reforming mental health care and improving the health of Aboriginal people.

SA Health is committed to a health system that produces positive health outcomes by focusing on health promotion, illness prevention and early intervention. We will work with other government agencies and the community to address the environmental, socioeconomic, biological and behavioural determinants of health, and to achieve equitable health outcomes for all South Australians

Our Legal Entities:

SA Health is the brand name for the health portfolio of services and agencies responsible to the Minister for Health and Ageing and the Minister for Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

The legal entities include but are not limited to Department for Health and Ageing, Central Adelaide Local Health Network, Northern Adelaide Local Health Network, Southern Adelaide Local Health Network, Women's and Children's Health Network, Country Health SA Local Health Network and SA Ambulance Service.

The health system is facing the challenges of an ageing population, increased incidence of chronic disease, international workforce shortages, and ageing infrastructure. The SA Health Care Plan has been developed to meet these challenges and ensure South Australian's have access to the best available health care in hospitals, health care centres and through GPs and other providers.

VALUES

SA Health Values

The values of SA Health are used to indicate the type of conduct required by our employees and the conduct that our customers can expect from our health service:

- > We are committed to the values of integrity, respect and accountability.
- > We value care, excellence, innovation, creativity, leadership and equity in health care provision and health outcomes.
- > We demonstrate our values in our interactions with others in SA Health, the community, and those for whom we care.

Code of Ethics

The *Code of Ethics for the South Australian Public Sector* provides an ethical framework for the public sector and applies to all public service employees:

- > Democratic Values - Helping the government, under the law to serve the people of South Australia.
- > Service, Respect and Courtesy - Serving the people of South Australia.
- > Honesty and Integrity- Acting at all times in such a way as to uphold the public trust.
- > Accountability- Holding ourselves accountable for everything we do.
- > Professional Conduct Standards- Exhibiting the highest standards of professional conduct.

The Code recognises that some public sector employees are also bound by codes of conduct relevant to their profession.

Approvals

Role Description Approval

I acknowledge that the role I currently occupy has the delegated authority to authorise this document.

Name:

Role Title:

Signature:

Date:

Role Acceptance

Incumbent Acceptance

I have read and understand the responsibilities associated with role, the role and organisational context and the values of SA Health as described within this document.

Name:

Signature:

Date