

CHSALHN Mental Health Candidate Pool Applicant FAQs

The Country Health SA Local Health Network (CHSALHN) Mental Health (hereafter known as County Mental Health) Candidate Pool is now open to registered clinicians to register interest to join our Service. Successful applicants will have first opportunity to accept ongoing, long-term or short-term employment opportunities across a range of country based locations. Below are some frequently asked questions for applicants.

Welcome to Country Mental Health

Country Mental Health is responsible for the provision of public mental health services in country South Australia (SA).

Country Mental Health includes:

- Community based mental health services including intensive support;
- Community rehabilitation mental health services; and
- Inpatient mental health services located in Mount Gambier, Riverland and Whyalla.

What types of roles are available through the Candidate Pool?

Roles that will be offered through the candidate pool may be ongoing, long-term or short-term in nature. They may be part time or full time. Positions being recruited to, include clinicians with mental health experience with backgrounds in:

- Nursing;
- Occupational Therapy;
- Social Work; or
- Psychology.

Where are potential positions located?

Positions may be available at any CHSALHN Mental Health team as listed below:

Barossa Hills Fleurieu

- Adelaide Hills based in Mount Barker;
- Inner North based in Gawler;
- Kangaroo Island based in Kingscote; and
- Southern Fleurieu based in Victor Harbor.

Eyre Flinders and Far North

- Eyre based in Port Lincoln and Ceduna;
- Flinders Far North based in Port Augusta; and
- Whyalla.

Riverland Mallee Coorong

- Murray Mallee based in Murray Bridge; and
- Riverland based in Berri.

South East

- South East based in Mount Gambier.

Yorke and Northern

- Lower North based in Clare;
- Mid North based in Port Pirie; and
- Yorke Peninsula based in Kadina.

As part of the candidate pool application process, you will be asked to indicate preferred localities where you would be willing to work. You can choose more than one locality.

Who do I contact if I require further information?

For further information, please contact Ruth McPhail Senior Manager, Acute Services / Director of Nursing or Katrina Kong Senior Project Officer via email at Health.CHSAMHWorkforce@sa.gov.au Please include "**Candidate Pool: Question**" in the subject heading of your email.

How do I apply to the Country Mental Health Candidate Pool?

To lodge an application, please complete the on-line Application Form via the link below. <http://jobs.sahealthcareers.com.au/caw/en/job/653673/country-mental-health-candidate-pool>

Applicants are also welcome to apply for specific vacancies within Country Mental Health at any time using the online application system. Current vacancies can be found at: <http://www.sahealthcareers.com.au/>

Applications timeline: Applications will be open until 30 November 2018.

What will I need when applying?

- > Current resume or curriculum vitae.
- > Information about your experience working in mental health services – maximum 2 pages.
- > Evidence of your registration with the Board outlined in the discipline specific role descriptions.
- > Contact details of three referees including their email and telephone information.
- > Have Australian citizenship or permanent residency or valid work visas (Subclass 475, 487, 489 or 495).
- > Complete the Country Mental Health Candidate Pool online application form and attach your supporting documents.

What are the eligibility requirements?

You must have current registration as a nurse, occupational therapist, social worker or psychologist with the discipline specific Board of Australia.

What classification will I be considered for?

Positions will be offered at the AHP1/2 or RN1/2 classifications depending on your discipline and level of experience.

How will applicants be assessed?

All applications will be assessed against key selection criteria from the role description(s) in the job pack.

How will I receive further communication from Country Mental Health?

When you apply, you will be asked for an email address that will be used to correspond with you regarding your application. If you have previously applied online for a position at SA Health, please use the same email account to apply for the Candidate Pool. You can also elect to have a SMS sent to your mobile. Please make sure you monitor your nominated email account and check the Spam or Junk folders as emails are sometimes directed there.

Applicants who have registered their interest will be notified via email if they are to be invited for further assessment.

What happens if I secure a position in the Candidate Pool?

Your application, the localities you are available to work at and other information will be held centrally by Country Mental Health. Your information will be shared with Country Mental Health Manager(s) with responsibility for recruitment when a vacancy becomes available in the locality that you nominated. To determine suitability and team fit, you may be invited to an informal interview for a specific vacancy.

Applications will be held for 12 months.

You should withdraw your application if you do not wish to be considered any longer as part of the Candidate Pool to avoid being contacted by Country Mental Health.

If successful in gaining employment with Country Mental Health, what will be my conditions of employment?

You will be employed and paid in accordance with the South Australian Modern Public Sector Enterprise Agreement: Salaried 2017 or Nursing/Midwifery (SA Public Sector) Enterprise Agreement 2016, depending on your qualification.

You are fully responsible for all aspects pertaining to your pre-employment leading to employment. Contract requirements will include Criminal History Checks and may include a Pre-employment Health Assessment.

Employees of Country Health SA receive access to professional development opportunities, salary sacrifice arrangements and may also be eligible for relocation support.

What do I do if I change my address or email details during the process?

If you change your address or email details at any time following the submission of your application you are required to visit the SA Health website www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/careers and log in using your profile, select Edit Profile, click on Personal Details, update your details and then save. This is a live system so you can update personal details at any time.

