Welcome to the Forensic Mental Health Program

Key Dates for 2016

The internal academic year is divided into two sessions, each containing fourteen weeks of teaching. There is a recess of six weeks between the two sessions and there are short recesses of one week within each of the sessions. (Note: There are currently no exams in the Forensic Mental Health Program).

Semester 1 2016 - Applications Close on 30 November 2015

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This pioneering program navigates you through the intersecting disciplines of Law and Psychiatry using state of the art technology and the expertise of leaders within the field of Forensic Mental Health.

Since its inception in 2006, the Program has had over 100 graduates from over 20 different nationalities.

The purpose of this handbook is to provide you with information about the Masters of Forensic Mental Health Program.

Forensic Mental Health is a sub-specialty 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 a highly trained skilled workforce to implement these services. Both locally and abroad, demand for these services has exceeded available personnel. The program will provide higher specialised levels of expertise in the clinical and legal aspects of Law and Forensic Mental Health to an emerging skilled multidisciplinary workforce.

In addition to providing you with access to leading experts in Forensic Mental Health, as a student you are included in one of the pre-eminent psychiatric schools in Australia and one of the leading university groups internationally.

UNSW Australia takes pride in the broad range and high quality of our teaching programs along with the state of the art online facilities to provide the best support to students studying their programs by distance.

The Forensic Mental Health Program is a world leading, dynamic program which gives its students access to leading experts in their fields and provides exceptional support to all of its students.

UNSW Psychiatry is the pre-eminent psychiatric research department in the country, and one of the leading university groups internationally. Since its establishment, more than 100 doctorates (MD or PhD) have been completed under the supervision of School academics, with many of the successful candidates going on to leading university positions around Australia in both psychiatry and psychology.

Either for your professional progression or out of personal interest, the Masters of Forensic Mental Health will provide you with a stimulating and in-depth education on the relationship between Law and Psychiatry.

I hope you enjoy your study and time at UNSW Australia.

Scientia Professor Philip Mitchell
Head of School
UNSW Psychiatry
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How to use this handbook

This Handbook introduces the Forensic Mental Health Program and serves as a guide for prospective and enrolled students. The material is supplemented by further information available on the Forensic Mental Health Program website [http://uns.wu/fmh](http://uns.wu/fmh).

Disclaimer
Information provided about subjects, units, courses and any arrangements for courses including staffing, is an expression of intent only and are not to be taken as a firm offer or undertaking. Such subjects, units, courses, arrangements or staffing can be varied at any time without notice.

The Master of Forensic Mental Health Program reserves the right to impose limitations on enrolment in any course.

All costs and fees are provided in Australian Dollars (AUD$). Any agreement with the University does not remove the right to take action under Australia’s consumer protection laws.

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The Forensic Mental Health Program (the Program) provides an opportunity for a comprehensive training in forensic mental health by coursework. It covers the theoretical and practical aspects of criminal, civil, child and family forensic mental health sub-specialties. It is designed to provide training, skills and expertise required in the forensic mental health workplace both in the private and non-private arena.

The Program can be undertaken on a part-time (two year) basis by flexible online delivery in 2016.

The Program is designed for mental health professionals including medical practitioners, nurses, psychologists, social workers and occupational therapists. It is also open to members of the legal profession, police and correctional staff.

Professional recognition: It should be emphasised that the Program is not designed to lead to registration as a psychologist in NSW (unlike the Masters of Forensic Psychology offered through UNSW Psychology, UNSW Australia).

Career Opportunities

The Forensic Mental Health Program is knowledge-based, designed to build onto the disciplines of psychiatry, medicine, nursing, law, criminology, psychology, occupational therapy and social work.

With a rapidly growing need for a skilled workforce in forensic mental health both in Australia and internationally, there are many avenues of career opportunity open to those with a Masters Degree in Forensic Mental Health. Government bodies such as: departments of corrections, departments of community services, fire brigades and police forces.

Further opportunities can be found in the judiciary, legal agencies and the Attorney General’s Departments. Juvenile Justice and District Mental Health Services also provide additional employment opportunities.

There are also career opportunities in private practice in forensic mental health in the areas of health, law and criminology.

Graduates from the Program not only represent a wide range of professions such as medical practitioners, nurses, psychologists, social workers, occupational therapists, correctional staff, police and lawyers, but we have also had several graduates which enrolled out of personal interest rather than professional progression.

About the Program

Program of Study

**CORE COURSES:**

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*Note: candidates without a clinical background are required to undertake course PSCY9911*

**ELECTIVES:**

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9012 Master of Forensic Mental Health

The Master of Forensic Mental Health (MFMH 9012) articulates with the Graduate Diploma in Forensic Mental Health (5512) and the Graduate Certificate in Forensic Mental Health (7312). Students must complete 24 UOC (4 courses) in core courses, and 24 UOC (4 courses) of electives offered by the School of Psychiatry. Credit for courses completed as part of the GradDip and the GradCert may be transferred to the Master’s program, in accordance with the UNSW policy on credit transfer. Courses may be undertaken in any order, subject to availability.

5512 Graduate Diploma in Forensic Mental Health (GradDip)

The Graduate Diploma in Forensic Mental Health will be awarded after the satisfactory completion of 36 units of credit (6 courses). Students must complete 18 UOC (3 courses) in core courses, and 18 UOC (3 courses) of electives offered by the School of Psychiatry. In place of one elective, candidates without a clinical background are required to undertake PSCY9911 Mental Disorders, Personality Disorders and Crime.

7312 Graduate Certificate in Forensic Mental Health (GradCert)

The Graduate Certificate in Forensic Mental Health will be awarded after the satisfactory completion of 24 units of credit (4 courses). Students must complete 12 UOC (2 courses) in core courses, and 12 UOC (2 courses) of electives offered by the School of Psychiatry.

*Note: Approval must be obtained from the Academic Program Coordinator regarding course selection for the GradDip and GradCert.*
UNITS OF CREDIT

Masters       48
Graduate Diploma       36
Graduate Certificate       24

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

Applicants are required to have either completed an appropriate undergraduate degree in health, law or criminology, honours or postgraduate qualifications or 2 years professional experience in health, law or criminology.

Articulation Rules

The program articulates with the Graduate Diploma in Forensic Mental Health and the Graduate Certificate in Forensic Mental Health. Credit for courses completed as part of the GradDip and the GradCert may be transferred to the Master’s program, in accordance with the UNSW Australia policy on credit transfer.

Program Attendance Mode

Internal       No
External       Yes

Course Details - Core Courses

COURSE ID PSCY9901
Course name – Law and Mental Health
Lecturers:  Dr Sascha Callaghan  Dr Sarah-Jane Spencer
Dr Tobias MacKinnon
Units of Credit:  6
Sessions offered:  Session 2, 2016
Flexible Online Delivery
Course Description

The course provides an introduction to the interface between law, legislation, crime, ethics and psychiatry. An overview is provided of the associations between forensic psychiatry and the law within the context of the Australian legal system, concentrating on the relevant legislation and case law in New South Wales. The course will cover institutional and legal structures in Australia, the classification of Australian law, the courts, precedent, capacity, mental health legislation, the expert witness, criminology and the area of ethics and forensic mental health.

COURSE ID PSCY9902
Course name – Psychiatry and the Criminal Law
Lecturers:  A/Professor Dan Howard  Dr Jonathan Adams
Dr Bruce Westmore  Dr Adam Martin  Dr Jeremy O’Dea
Units of Credit:  6
Sessions offered:  Session 1, 2017
Flexible Online Delivery
Course Description

This course provides an understanding of mens rea and the defences to a criminal charge, intent, insanity, diminished responsibility and infanticide, legal aspects, criminal responsibility, automatism, some medico-legal consequences of hypoglycaemia and amnesia. Relevant Australian and ‘western’ case law will be covered in this course. There will be an introduction into various relevant aspects of criminal responsibility in the United Kingdom, Canada, the United States and Europe. Topics include: the psychiatrist, psychologist and mental health practitioner as expert witness; the written mental health/psychiatric court report, mitigation, sentences and prognosis, fitness to stand trial and plead, mutism and deafness.

COURSE ID PSCY9903
Course name – Violence
Lecturers:  Dr Stephen Allnutt  A/Professor Kimberlie Dean
Ms Vindya Nanayakkara
Units of Credit:  6
Sessions offered:  Session 2, 2017
Flexible Online Delivery
Course Description

The course will provide a broad overview of: theories of aggression, crimes of violence, the relationship between mental illness and violence, risk assessment of mentally disordered offenders, stalking, arson, homicide, infanticide and filicide, sexual violence, suicide, trends in violent crime, epidemiology of violence, and consequences of violence.

COURSE ID PSCY9904
Course name – Administration, Institutions and Services
Lecturers:  A/Professor John Basson  Professor Duncan Chappell
Helen Parsons  Dr Duncan Wallace  Dr Stuart Dorney
Rhonda Halpin  Marian Gray
Units of Credit:  6
Sessions offered:  Session 1, 2016
Flexible Online Delivery
Course Description

The course will cover the functioning and roles of the Probation and Parole Board; the SORC Advisory Board; the Mental Health Review Tribunal; the NSW Health Care Complaints Commission; the Australian and New Zealand Royal College of Psychiatrists; the Medical Board and professional conduct; fitness to practice; and human rights. Also covered are the code of conduct of corrections and the Prison Medical Service; the Forensic Mental Health Hospital; Area Health Special Forensic Units and Hospitals; regional secure units and forensic services in the United Kingdom, Canada, New Zealand and the USA; the forensic aspects of psychiatry in the armed forces; the Probation and Parole service; and special programs such as sex offenders, violence, and drug and alcohol programs.
Elective Courses

**COURSE ID PSCY9911**
Course name – Mental Disorders, Personality Disorders and Crime
Lecturers: Dr Andrew Ellis, Professor Julian Trollor
A/Prof. Kimberli Dean, Dr Leila Kavanagh, Dr Andrew Ellis, Antonio Simonelli, Dr John Kasnathan, Antionella Ventura, Ms Michelle Eason

**Units of Credit:** 6

**Session offered:** Session 1, 2016 Flexible Online Delivery

**Course Description**
Topics include: schizophrenia, mood and other psychoses, the psychopathology of offending, the phenomenology of mood, anxiety, dissociative disorders, senile dementia and crime, organically determined mental illness, mental retardation and crime, mental retardation – clinical aspects and management, impairments, disabilities and handicaps, assessments for court, borderline personality, psychopathic (sociopathic) personality, the psychology of personality disorders, other types of personality, homelessness and vagrancy, and psychotherapy, psycho-pharmacology and management for conduct disorders.

**COURSE ID PSCY9912**
Course name – Substance Abuse, Unusual Behaviours and Special Groups
Lecturers: Dr Barbara Sinclair, Dr Andrew Ellis, Dr Robert Graham, Dr Jill Roberts

**Units of Credit:** 6

**Session offered:** Session 1, 2016 Flexible Online Delivery

**Course Description**
This course covers the following material: alcohol and drugs; legislation in Australia; alcohol and crime; gambling and the association with crime and violence, unsocial and criminal activities and alcohol; drugs and criminal behaviours; the psychiatry of substance abuse; treatment and control of drugs and alcohol; alcohol as a causal criminogenic factor; alcohol and crime, the problem in Australia; the treatment of alcohol abuse/dependence in Australia; arson; shoplifting; kidnapping, abduction and child stealing; hysteria, malingering, pseudologia fantastica, Ganser syndrome, prison psychosis and Munchausen’s syndrome; stalkers; morbid jealousy, the delusion of infidelity and de Clerambault’s syndrome; mental disorder and dangerous driving; pathological gambling; and psychiatry, ethnicity and crime.

**COURSE ID PSCY9913**
Course name – Criminal and Disordered Sexual Behaviour
Lecturers: Professor David Greenberg, Dr Andrew Ellis, Mr Lee Knight

**Units of Credit:** 6

**Session offered:** Session 2, 2017 Flexible Online Delivery

**Course Description**
This course covers the clinical assessment of the paraphilic disorders; a comprehensive understanding of the paraphilic disorders including exhibitionism, sexual sadism, paedo-philia, zoophilia, necrophilia, voyeurism, frotteurism; those paraphilic disorders or criminal sexual behaviours which may involve activities which could bring them to the attention of authorities such as transvestism or cybersex; incest; rape; biological and psychological sex offender treatments; risk assessment and risk management of these offending behaviours or paraphilic disorders.

**COURSE ID PSCY9914**
Course name – Families, Children and Adolescents Forensic Psychiatry
Lecturers: Dr Claire Gaskin, Dr Andrew Ellis, Dr Jackie Canessa, Dr John Kasnathan, Dr Rhoshel Lenroot

**Units of Credit:** 6

**Session offered:** Session 2, 2016 Flexible Online Delivery

**Course Description**
This course covers: the law relating to children and adolescents; children in care – civil aspects; adoption and fostering; non-delinquent conduct disorders; young offenders; child custody in relation to offending; Juvenile Justice in NSW; approaches to treatment and facilities available; children and adolescents – reports to court; law and treatment; and Australian Family Law.

**COURSE ID PSCY9915**
Course name – Civil Law in Relation to Psychiatry
Lecturers: A/Prof Robert Kaplan, Mr Lee Knight

**Units of Credit:** 6

**Session offered:** TBA Flexible Online Delivery

**Course Description**
This course covers the changing world of civil litigation. Major topics will include assessing clients, writing reports, going to court, assessing issues of dangerousness, trauma-induced/psychiatric injury, mental capacity, liability of health practitioners, duty-to-protect, loss of chance, and other current and relevant topics. This course is interactive and is based on case-law.

**COURSE ID PHCM9498**
Course name – Epidemiology and Statistics for Public Health
Lecturer: A/Professor Andrew Hayden

**Units of Credit:** 6

**Session offered:** Session 1, 2016 Flexible Delivery

**Course Description**
This core course introduces students to quantitative methods that are the cornerstone of public health research and evidence-based public health policy and practice. Statistical and epidemiological concepts are taught in parallel to promote integration of knowledge across both disciplines. Students will be introduced to epidemiological principles through case studies, which will be examined for study design, associated weaknesses and strengths and statistical techniques. The statistical component develops skills and understanding of basic statistical analysis methods, with hands-on experience analysing epidemiological data using SPSS software. The course is available to internal and external students and assistance will be available through tutorial activities and online help. If possible, students who are concerned about numeracy or computing skills should consider enrolling in the course as an internal student.

**Further Information**
A compulsory Foundations Workshop for both internal and external students will be held in residential week, which includes an introductory tutorial on SPSS software. In addition, an optional drop-in SPSS clinic will be held each week for students who require additional assistance.
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<td>This course introduces the student to methods used in applied public health research. It is designed to help students to carry out applied public health research (either in their paid work settings or postgraduate projects or theses) through an examination of principles of research. There are two concentrations in the course: first, we spend time critically thinking about how to prepare a research statement and second, using what we learnt through that, writing a research proposal that can be used in a real world setting. In the course we cover such topics as literature reviews, research problems or questions, principles of quantitative and qualitative research, ethics and planning a research project. The course is designed to be used by students in further research work.</td>
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<td>This course covers: the collection and bio-statistical analysis of data to create information about disease and injury patterns in populations and communities (the epidemiological approach); and the use of information about disease and injury in populations and communities in order to manage, plan and provide hospitals, health services and prevention strategies. The course includes an introduction to health informatics.</td>
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<td>This course aims to broaden your knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and will focus on four broad themes: investigating successive governments' policy and its instrumental role in exacerbating and maintaining the ongoing and inequitable burden of suffering experienced by Indigenous Australians; health promotion and primary health care, exploring Indigenous perceptions of wellbeing as well as health approaches that are informed by more comprehensive and holistic views of health care; investigative research into indigenous health issues in a range of contexts; and examining advocacy and activism and their critical contribution to the development of more appropriate health services for Indigenous families and communities.</td>
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CORNELIO DE JESUS
I am currently employed as a Nurse Manager by the Justice Health & Forensic Mental Health Network (JH&FMHN). In this role, I manage and lead Nursing Unit Managers (NUMs) across six correctional centres and a police cell. As a team, we work towards providing international best practice health care to those who come in contact with the criminal justice system. As a Cluster Nurse Manager, it is my responsibility to ensure the delivery of quality and unbiased health care to our patients – working closely with our partner agencies to uphold security and safety whilst advocating for unfettered patient access. I oversee that my NUMs and their respective staff members practice within the policies, procedures and guidelines set out, not only by the JH&FMHN but also by the Corrective Services New South Wales (CSNSW) and the NSW Ministry of Health.

I joined JH&FMHN serendipitously way back in 2007. With my newly acquired Bachelor in Nursing degree from the Western Sydney University (formerly University of Western Sydney) and a Bachelor in Science, Psychology degree from the University of the Philippines, I was still undecided as to where I would spend my new graduate year until I found an advertisement for the JH&FMHN. I signed up for it, attended their open day, applied for a placement and was eventually offered a spot in their program. Since then, I have never looked back.

I have always been fascinated with psychology and mental health – human behaviour, in general. Thus, when a JH&FMHN scholarship came up on offer for the FMH Program in the School of Psychiatry with UNSW Australia, I saw this as a great opportunity to extend my knowledge-base in this discipline. I completed the program in 2010. Five years since then, although my career has brought me down a management pathway instead of one directly leading to a forensic mental health role, I find the training that this postgraduate degree has given me flow over into other areas of my professional and personal life. It has definitely changed my perspective on the offenders, everyone affected by crime and the people who work to help this cohort.

The MFMHP, with its very relevant core courses of Psychiatry & Criminal Law and Violence and other well-selected supplementary course topics, provides a comprehensive picture of the forensic mental health world. Completing the program has equipped me to better understand the system, the legislations, the patients and the people who work within the discipline. It has made me value the industry I work in and the service it provides – to help care for the patients, rehabilitate the offenders and keep the public in the community out from harm’s way.

The School offers the Master of Philosophy in Forensic Mental Health (MPhil). This has been established in response to requests from Masters students who wish to undertake supervised research in forensic mental health who have not had prior research experience (and thereby not being eligible to enrol for the MSc by research or a PhD). The Master of Philosophy in Forensic Mental Health is a research degree designed to provide research training for candidates wishing to progress to a PhD, or who wish to develop competence in researching Forensic Mental Health.

The MPhil comprises 24 units of credit (UOC) of coursework, and a thesis of no more than 40,000 words on an approved topic. It can either be done full-time (3 semesters) or part-time (6 semesters). Articulation from an MPhil to a PhD is possible, and advanced standing may be given for courses completed as part of the Master of Forensic Mental Health or equivalent.

If you are first undertaking the Master of Forensic Mental Health 9012 and wish to proceed to MPhil FMH, please take prerequisite research electives listed under Program of Study, core courses and electives:

- PHCM9498 Epidemiology and Statistics for Public Health, OR
- PHCM9781 Evidence-informed Decision Making AND
- PHCM9132 Applied Research Methods for Public Health

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**BEN SHORT**

I work with Justice Health & Forensic Mental Health Network, NSW, as the Manager of Practice Development and Education within the high secure Forensic Hospital, Sydney. The Manager of Practice Development and Education plays a key role in forensic mental health service and staff development within the hospital, particularly given the relatively recent introduction of such a facility in New South Wales.

Having worked in various clinical roles within forensic mental health services for over 15 years, I was initially unsure if undertaking the MFMH Program would significantly add to my existing knowledge base, or indeed improve my practical understanding of the forensic mental health system. I can honestly say that within 10 minutes of opening the course materials and pre-reading package of the first modules, I had no doubt I had made the right decision to commence the program.

The course facilitation is of the highest standard, being delivered by experts in the field of forensic mental health. The learning resources and lectures are contemporary in nature and the assessment tasks are relevant to the module content. I found the insight gained of current forensic mental health practice fascinating, which in turn has enabled me to fill in some of the gaps and answer numerous questions gained over my career in clinical practice. In addition to the course content, the opportunity to interact with the other course participants was priceless, often leading to further insights and interesting discussions with people working in a wide variety of roles related to forensic mental health.

Having completed the course, I am in no doubt that the commitment required in terms of balancing full-time work and part-time studies can be challenging at times, however, for me the rewards far outweigh the effort made.

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Course Selection

The following table lists proposed courses for 2016, Please note that course availability is subject to change. For updated information in regards to courses, please contact:

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**Courses on offer for the Masters of Forensic Mental Health Program.**

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PHCM9132 Applied Research Methods for Public Health
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How to Apply

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
Application for admission to our postgraduate program can be made by:

Online application - Instructions and details about how to apply online are found at www.apply.unsw.edu.au

All applications will be acknowledged and assessed for eligibility. Successful applicants will be sent an offer of admission with details of acceptance and enrolment procedures.

SELECTION FOR ADMISSION
Selection for admission to all graduate programs is based on the information supplied in your application. Successful applicants will be notified by letter of the appropriate enrolment procedures.

CLOSING DATES FOR APPLICATIONS
- Semester 1 2016: Applications close 30 November 2015
- Semester 2 2016: Applications close 30 June 2016
- Late applications will be considered.

ATTACHMENTS TO APPLICATIONS
The following information should be attached to the application form:
- Your curriculum vitae
- A covering letter specifying why you wish to undertake the program
- Originals or certified copies of your academic record and proof of completion of previous degrees.

APPLICATIONS
Please direct all inquiries for MPhil FMH to:
A/Professor Kimberlie Dean
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Additional information will be posted on the MFMH website: http://unsw.to/fmh

APPLYING FOR THE MPhil FMH
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Program Fees

FEES FOR FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM 2016

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BONYFACIE MAKIONI
I am currently working as a Clinical Nurse Specialist at Bunya, a forensic medium secure unit situated in Western Sydney. Bunya offers a state-wide service for male and female patients requiring inpatient management of their major mental illness with a focus on rehabilitation and reintegration into the community.

Traditionally mentally disordered offenders incite high levels of anxiety and therapeutic despondency amongst mental health professionals. Forensic Mental health clinicians’ roles involve interaction with forensic patients, victims, families, other health care services, the justice system and the community. To further equip myself for the challenge, I sought further training and education to enable me to provide optimal clinical care to the consumers.

In 2010, I was awarded a scholarship from Justice Health Forensic Mental Health Network to undertake the Master of Forensic Mental Health at UNSW. Undertaking the Master of Forensic Mental Health has not only enriched and strengthened me as a Forensic Mental Health Clinician but has augmented my skills and knowledge as a member of the multidisciplinary team providing care, management and rehabilitation of forensic patients. My role as a Clinical Nurse Specialist of the only mixed gender forensic unit in NSW presents a number of legal and ethical challenges associated with the nature of patient’s mental illness and gender mixture. Upon completion of the Master of Forensic Mental Health program, my understanding of the many ways in which the law and mental health interact has significantly expanded and I have gained valuable knowledge relating to offending behaviour. I now have a better understanding of the legal issues which underpin the caring of this population group in NSW.

The FMH Program provided me with an opportunity for comprehensive training in forensic mental health. It covers the theoretical and practical aspects of criminal, civil, child and family forensic mental health. It is designed to provide training, skills and expertise required in the forensic mental health workplace both in the private and public arena. The learning experience and knowledge from the FMH Program has influenced and motivated my decision to proceed with the MPhil Forensic Mental Health program preceding to a PhD. The prior knowledge and experience obtained from the Masters of Forensic Mental Health has been invaluable in assisting me through my current studies and my day to day clinical work. I am looking forward to the rewarding, exciting and growing field of forensic mental health.
Course Staff

Program Directors

A/Professor Kimberlie Dean MBBS, MRCPsych, MSc, PhD
A/Professor Dean completed her medical studies in Tasmania and Adelaide and completed basic training and advanced training in forensic psychiatry at the Maudsley Hospital in London while obtaining MSc degrees in Forensic Mental Health Science at Kings College London and completed a PhD at Kings College London.

She was appointed Programme Leader of the MSc in Forensic Mental Health Research offered at the Institute of Psychiatry, Kings College London. She was appointed A/Professor of Forensic Mental Health at UNSW Australia and Justice Health in 2011.

Dr Andrew Ellis BMed, MA, FRANZCP
Dr Ellis is the NSW Director of Advanced Training in Forensic Psychiatry for the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists, and the Forensic Mental Health Network. His current clinical work is with the NSW Community Forensic Mental Health Service, Consultant to the NSW Police State Protection Group, as well as a private medicolegal practice.

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Course Convenors

Professor David Mace Greenberg MB, ChB, FFPsych (SA), MMed (Psych), FRCPsych (Canada), FRANZCP
Professor Greenberg is a nationally and internationally recognised expert in Forensic Psychiatry. He has authored over 50 peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters and read over 100 peer-reviewed papers at national and international conferences. He currently acts as a consultant to the Federal RANZCP and NSW Health on forensic psychiatry matters.

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Dr Claire Gaskin MB BS, MRCPsych (UK), FRANZCP
Dr Gaskin has worked as a Consultant in specialist adolescent forensic services since 2003, first in the UK and since 2006 in New South Wales with Justice Health. Dr Gaskin has been involved alongside other relevant agencies in developing a range of mental health services to young offenders in the community and custody.

A/Professor Dan Howard SC, LLB
Dan Howard SC is a Senior Counsel at the New South Wales Bar, and was a Crown Prosecutor with the Office of the DPP for fifteen years. He has been a Member of the NSW Mental Health Review Tribunal since 2008 and has been President of the Tribunal since June, 2012. He is an Acting Judge of the District Court of NSW.

Dr Sascha Callaghan LLB (Hons), M Bioeth, PhD
Dr Callaghan is a recognised expert in mental health law and has published numerous articles on capacity and consent to medical treatment and decision making in mental illness, and has contributed to legislative reviews in several Australian jurisdictions.

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Dr Sarah-Jane Spencer MA, MBBS, MRCPsych, FRANZCP, LLM
Dr Sarah-Jane Spencer is a Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist working in four of the Correctional Centres across NSW. She has a Masters of Mental Health Law from Newcastle University and Sarah-Jane is a Medical Member of the Mental Health Review Tribunal in NSW.

Mr Lee Knight RN(MH), MN(CP), MFMH
Lee has extensive experience in acute inpatient mental health, community case management, acute care, consultation liaison psychiatry and forensic psychiatry. Lee currently works with Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network as a clinical nurse consultant in forensic psychiatry. Lee is a graduate of the Master of Forensic Mental Health, UNSW Australia.

For detailed biographies of our staff, please visit http://forensicmentalhealth.unsw.edu.au/
Guidelines and Procedures

LEAVE OF ABSENCE
If you intend to take leave for a session or two, you must contact the Program Manager before the census date for each session. Within your request please include your name, student number, the program you are in, your postal address and how many sessions of leave you wish to take.

Note: you will not be able to drop your total enrolment yourself online – you need permission from the School, thus it is imperative that you contact the Program Manager. Further details are available on the program website.

WITHDRAWAL FROM COURSES
The last date to discontinue a course without academic or financial penalty is the census date in each session. The census dates are:

- Session 1: 31 March 2016
- Session 2: 31 August 2016

You can still discontinue courses on myUNSW until the end of Week 8. Until this time you will not be penalized academically for a withdrawal, however you are still held liable for fees for the course. If your discontinuation is the result of special circumstances you may wish to apply for reimbursement of charges for the course. In this case you should be able to show that:

- the special circumstances could not have been foreseen
- the circumstances are of such severity that you will be unable to continue the course, and
- you can supply documentation to confirm the special circumstances

More information will be placed on the Program’s website.

TAKING ELECTIVES FROM OTHER INSTITUTIONS
It is possible to take electives at other institutions once your request has been approved by the School of Psychiatry. This is called cross-institutional enrolment.

Please contact the Program Manager if you think you may be eligible.

TRANSFERRING CREDITS FROM OTHER INSTITUTIONS
Students may apply for a credit transfer on the basis of relevant coursework previously completed. For further information on obtaining credit transfer for courses undertaken at other institutions see the UNSW website: http://student.unsw.edu.au/credit-transfer

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES
UNSW has an established set of procedures to follow for the resolution of grievances concerning any decision that affects standing or ability to progress in a program. Students should first attempt to resolve the grievance with the Program Manager. If the grievance is still unresolved, it should be directed to the Program Directors and the Head of School. Further procedures are listed on https://my.unsw.edu.au/student/atoz/Complaints.html

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION
On some occasions sickness, misadventure or circumstance beyond your control may prevent you from completing a course requirement or attending or submitting assessable work for a course. Such assessable requirements may include a formal end of session examination, class test, seminar presentation, etc. It is also possible that such situations may significantly affect your performance in an assessable task. UNSW has procedures that allow you to apply for consideration for the affected assessments. Depending on the circumstances, UNSW may take action to allow you to overcome the disadvantage.

You should note that merely submitting a request for Special Consideration does not automatically mean that you will be granted additional assessment, nor that you will be awarded an amended result.

HOW TO APPLY FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION
You must submit a formal application for Special Consideration for the course/s affected as soon as practicable after the problem occurs, and within three working days of the assessment to which it refers. Contact the Program Manager for all information in relation to special considerations.

CORRIE GOODHAND
I am a barrister, practising at the private bar. During my studies I was working at Prisoners Legal Service, Legal Aid NSW. The majority of prisoners I saw had significant mental health issues, substance use disorders and were otherwise marginalised and disenfranchised in society. A significant challenge for any experienced lawyer.

I thoroughly enjoyed the multidisciplinary nature of the course and meeting professionals from healthcare and correctional backgrounds. Learning at a deeper level about mental health disorders and conditions has enriched my understanding of mental health law and enhanced my ability to communicate with clients. As a result, I am better equipped to cater to the needs and advance the interests of my clients. I am also able to communicate more efficiently with the Bench.

I would highly recommend this course to anyone with an interest in this field and in particular persons working in the criminal justice field.

I did find the difference in research initially challenging and different to traditional legal research and writing, but very worthwhile and now I understand better the different angles from which different disciplines approach the same issues. The online learning method was also completely different to my undergraduate studies but, after adjusting, I found it to be excellent. You are able to re-watch lectures and communicate with classmates and get the benefit of their varied expertise and professional experiences (more so than would be the case in a traditional lecture).

I would also argue that courses like this one are becoming of increasing relevance at a time when society is moving towards destigmatisation of mental illness. Besides that, it was fascinating and you will thoroughly enjoy it.
# Key Contacts within the University

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<td>Admissions Office (Postgraduate Coursework)</td>
<td>Lower Ground Floor, Chancellery Building Tel: +61 2 9385 3656 Queries for applicants: <a href="http://www.enquiry.unsw.edu.au">www.enquiry.unsw.edu.au</a></td>
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