

DR TESSA DAWSON

CONSULTANT GENERAL AND FORENSIC PSYCHIATRIST

MBBS (HONS) LLB (HONS) MMED (PSYCHIATRY) MFMH

QUALIFICATIONS

Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice College of Law (2021-2022)
Masters of Forensic Mental Health University of New South Wales (2019- 2021)
Advanced Certificate in Forensic Psychiatry Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (2019 – 2021)
Fellowship of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (2016 – 2021)
Masters of Medicine (Psychiatry) University of Sydney (2016- 2018)
Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (Hons) / Bachelor of Laws (Hons) Monash University (2007-2013)

ACCREDITATIONS

CURRENT POSITIONS

Staff Specialist Psychiatrist (2022-Current)
South East Sydney Local Health District

Lecturer (2022-Current)
School of Medicine, Discipline of Psychiatry and Mental Health
University of New South Wales

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Staff Specialist Psychiatrist (2021 – 2022)
Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network

Advanced Trainee (Forensic Psychiatry) (2021 – 2022)
Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network, New South Wales Health

Advanced Trainee (Forensic Psychiatry) (Feb 2020 – Aug 2020)
Forensicare, Victoria

Advanced Trainee (Forensic Psychiatry) (May 2019 – Feb 2020)
Justice Health and Forensic Mental Health Network, New South Wales Health

Psychiatry trainee (2016-2019)
Central Sydney / South West Local Health District

Resident Medical Officer (2015-2016)

Royal Prince Alfred Hospital

Intern (2014-2015)
Royal Melbourne Hospital

LOCATION

Sydney

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

2019	Masters of Forensic Mental Health Scholarship (Justice Health)
2012	Monash Law School Prize for Sentencing and Sanctions
2011	Monash University Castan Centre Global Internship
2010	Clinical Skills Award – Monash Medical Centre Clinical School
2007	Monash University Scholarship for Excellence
2006	Australian Students Prize

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- Historical, Clinical and Risk Management (HCR-20) version 3
- Structured Assessment of Protective Factors of violence risk (SAPROF) version 2
- Risk for Sexual Violence Protocol (RSVP)
- Terrorist Radicalization Assessment Protocol-18 (TRAP-18)
- Violent Extremism Risk Assessment Version 2 Revised (VERA-2R)
- Hare Psychopathy Checklist Revised and Checklist (PCL-R and PCL-SV)
- Threat assessment (trained in use of threat assessment tools employed by Victorian Fixated Threat Assessment Centre to assess threat of grievance fuelled violence and fixated persons)

Completed Opioid Treatment Accreditation Course (University of Sydney) - accredited with NSW Health as an Opioid Substitution Therapy Prescriber