

ABOUT THE DONCARE COUNSELLING PROGRAM

We have a team of approximately thirty-five qualified counsellors working in a sessional and volunteer capacity at Doncare.

We are therefore able to offer a broad service to the community, including individual, group, couple, parent-child, early parenting and family counselling.

People come from the City of Manningham and beyond to avail themselves of our service. Other professionals frequently refer people to us, and many who have used our services refer others.

Doncare's Counselling Program is one of the largest generalist counselling services in Melbourne. People come to Doncare with the whole range of life crises and life stage issues. We are an appropriate service for many, but we also assist people to find the most appropriate service for them within the community context.

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Mission Statement

We recognise the diversity of our community needs and offer practical help across all life stages, through our dedicated team of volunteers and staff.

We are committed to securing long term funding for the ongoing delivery of programs.

We encourage local people to take pride in Doncare as their source of community support and to share our passion for 'strengthening the local community' through helping others overcome adversity.

History

Doncare was established in 1969 as a community initiative, with a philosophy of people being trained and supervised to assist other people experiencing difficulties. The Doncare model enriches the community through training its staff and assisting people in times of stress.

Funding

Doncare is an independent, community-based organisation supported by state and local government, while raising a large portion of its income itself. Doncare has four Opportunity Shops and is also supported by local and philanthropic organisations. Financial contributions are also received from clients of the Counselling Program.

Staffing

Doncare programs are staffed by volunteers under paid professional supervision. Doncare requires all volunteer staff to be trained for their work. All Counsellors have professional qualifications.



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Doncare Volunteer Sessional Supervised Counsellor Positions

The Doncare Opportunity

Doncare offers professionally qualified counsellors, including psychologists and social workers, a unique opportunity to develop their counselling skills, ethical understandings and an appreciation of the craft of facilitating growth and development with clients.

We offer:

- A generalist client base
- Group supervision
- Individual supervision
- Clear frameworks
- Professional development opportunities

Qualification Requirements

To be a volunteer counsellor at Doncare you must normally have:

- a 4 year psychology qualification, or
- a social work degree, or
- a post graduate qualification in counselling, family therapy or psychology.

(Students in these fields may apply for a placement at Doncare during their studies.)

Weekly Time Commitment

Volunteer counsellors make a commitment of six hours each week to the agency.

This includes;

- 3 hrs of availability to see clients;
- 1 hr of liaison time, including completing records;
- 1 hr of individual time per fortnight;
- 1 ½ hrs - 2 hrs of group supervision per fortnight.

Most counsellors complete their hours over two sessions in the agency.

Doncare is open three evenings per week, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday which may assist some counsellors to meet this requirement.

NB Before commencing it is necessary to have a satisfactory Police Check.

Hours of opening

Monday:	9 am to 5 pm
Tuesday:	9 am to 5 pm
Wednesday:	9 am to 5 pm
Thursday:	9 am to 9 pm
Friday:	9 am to 1 pm

How to Apply

Send a CV with an accompanying letter of application to the Manager of Counselling. In your letter:

- let us know what it is that brings you to this point in your development as a counsellor,
- where it is you are hoping to go with counselling in the future, and
- what you are looking for from the opportunity to be a volunteer counsellor at Doncare.

The names of two counselling-related referees are also required.

Recruitment Process

Once your letter has been received, you may be offered an interview with the Manager of Counselling. We are endeavouring to ensure a mutual sense that what we have to offer, is what you are looking for and can use. When a decision has been made about the offer of a place, you will be notified in writing of the outcome. There is typically a waiting period for places in this program.

**For further information contact the
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