

Non-Clinical Student Placement Advertisement

Forensic Intervention Services, Corrections Victoria

Forensic Intervention Services offers tertiary students the opportunity to gain hands on experience in forensic settings and working within a legislative framework to enable the delivery of best practice services.

About us

Forensic Intervention Services

Corrections Victoria (CV) is part of the Department of Justice and Community Safety (DJCS) and is responsible for the operation of Victoria's adult corrections system, public and privately operated prisons, and a transitional centre. Forensic Intervention Services is a specialist program area of CV that provides service users in custody and in the community with offence-specific, evidence-based screening, assessment and intervention services to support their rehabilitation. Our mission is to reduce recidivism by delivering evidence-based offending behaviour programs founded in the risk, need and responsivity principles. As a part of this vision and mission, Forensic Intervention Services has a strong history of providing placement opportunities to students in disciplines relevant to our work.

Non-clinical placement program

Participants of the non-clinical placement program will gain an understanding of:

- Forensic professional practice settings (that is, prisons, community correctional settings).
- Government, legislative, and judicial systems that frame service delivery.
- Best practice and ethical practice standards that underpin service delivery.
- Research and evaluation work oriented towards improving service delivery.

“The most interesting/educational part was learning how service users move throughout the system, how intervention programs are run, and how the non-clinical and clinical teams work together to facilitate this process..” – 2024 placement student

Non-clinical student placements are open to undergraduate students in psychology, as well as undergraduate and postgraduate students in social work, criminology, legal studies, and related disciplines who have the option to complete a field placement or internship as part of their studies. Students will gain an understanding of the professional practice settings of a forensic environment, including:

- Learning about forensic clinical practice and service delivery within prisons, and the broader community.
- Develop their understanding of the government, legislative and judicial systems that frame service delivery.
- Learn about best practice principles and ethical practice standards that underpin service delivery.
- Understand the processes, and/or projects, involved in how research and evaluation inform ongoing improvements to service delivery within a forensic environment.

Non-clinical placement opportunities are available within our Statewide and Community Services or Service Development Branches (subject to capacity), offering students a broad range of opportunities to complement their area of study.

Statewide and Community Services Branch	Service Development Branch
<p>Placement within the Statewide and Community Services Branch provides students with exposure to service delivery through four separate teams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Intake (referral and eligibility services) – External Providers (contract management) – Workforce Development (workforce recruitment, retention, and training) – Support Services (administrative support) <p>The Statewide and Community Services Branch is ideal for undergraduate and post-graduate students with a strong interest in working within the forensic environment.</p>	<p>The Service Development Branch is comprised of a number of teams that drive continuous service delivery and practice improvements. The Service Development Branch is suitable for post-graduate students with an interest in any of the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Program evaluation and research – Data analysis – Family violence – Project work – Restorative justice – Service delivery policy – Service delivery process documentation and/or improvements

Eligibility

To be eligible for a **non-clinical student placement**, students must be undertaking either an undergraduate or post-graduate degree in any of the following, or related, disciplines:

- Community Services
- Criminology
- Criminal Justice
- Law
- Legal Studies
- Social Work
- Public Policy
- Psychology

Students must also be able to complete a minimum of 200 hours of placement within their relevant degree and be available to undertake placement on a part-time basis from two to three days per week. Exceptions to these arrangements are strictly by negotiation and cannot be guaranteed.

Who we are looking for

- A strong passion for effective forensic practice and enthusiasm to work within a correctional system.
- An openness to active learning, constructive feedback, and self-reflection.
- Willingness to work within a team environment, with the flexibility to adapt to changing priorities and situations.
- Values aligned with ethical practice and professionalism.
- A willingness to practice organisational skills, build efficiency in administration tasks, and proficiency in standard computer-based office applications.
- Values aligned with ethical practice, professionalism, and the departmental values of Integrity, Impartiality, Accountability, Respect, Leadership, Human Rights, Responsiveness.

“It was a very enriching experience, and I truly appreciate the opportunity to have completed a placement with Forensic Intervention Services” – 2024 placement student

- Readiness to develop personal resilience with the support of the service, and the willingness to adapt to, and resolve, challenges.

How to Apply

Students interested in a non-clinical student placement can apply via the following link:

- [Student Placement Program – Forensic Intervention Services](#)

Applications must include a cover letter, resume, and a letter of recommendation from your institution's placement coordinator. If a letter of recommendation is not included, placement coordinators must have been in contact with Forensic Intervention Services directly on the below email address endorsing your application.

For further information, please contact FIS.StudentPlacement@justice.vic.gov.au.