Turning Point educational internship
28 February – 2 June 2023

Are you looking for a placement that offers you…?

- observational access to alcohol and other drug (AOD) services
- training in accredited industry skills
- an absorbing and supportive evidence-based learning culture

Turning Point is pleased to offer eligible students a 14-week, 150 hour (average 10-12 hours per week) educational internship. The combination of skills training and real-world clinical observation will provide you with the foundational knowledge required for a career in the AOD sector. The internship is funded by the Victorian Department of Health and is open to eligible undergraduate students in psychology, social work, counselling and youth work who are Australian citizens and permanent residents.

Internship activities
Students will take part in a range of AOD sector activities including completion of Vocational Education and Training (VET) units of competency, presentations and skills development sessions from AOD workers within the sector, supervision and reflective practice sessions, and site visits to clinical services. Supervised access to Turning Point’s clinical review and intake meetings, peer support meetings, and pre-recorded client sessions will be available to support your learning.
Vocational Education and Training (VET) component

Students will participate in two units of competency as part of the internship: CHCOAOD001 - Work in an alcohol and other drug context and CHCAOD004 - Assess needs of clients with alcohol and other drug issues. These units sit within the CHCSS00093 Alcohol and Other Drug Skill Set. Units comprise a range of learning and assessment methods including self-paced learning, online classes, role-plays and reflective practice exercises.

Assessment and skills practice hours are set by Turning Point and students must be available to attend all scheduled days of training and assessment delivery plus the welcome and orientation and final reflection sessions.

Application process

To apply for the Turning Point educational internship, you will need to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) form along with other documentation to your university placement coordinator or if applying as an individual candidate, directly to Turning Point’s educational internship coordinator (details below).

The EOI contains important information about how to apply as well as about the internship program. Make sure you read all of the information first before submitting your application. Eligible candidates will then be selected for an interview with Turning Point staff and if successful, will be provided with enrolment documentation to commence the internship on Tuesday 28 February 2023.

Applications are due on Friday 25 November 2022

For further information contact:
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Working in the AOD sector

The Victorian AOD sector provides exciting, diverse and stimulating career opportunities for clinicians, researchers, educators and other professionals.

AOD work happens in clinical and other settings with staff holding relevant degrees and sector qualifications. Working with people with AOD and mental health issues can be a rewarding career choice for people wanting to make a positive contribution to the community.

Turning Point, in consultation with other Victorian AOD service providers, recognised the ongoing need to attract and train skilled and educated people into the workforce. This was the idea behind developing an educational internship which aims to provide students with opportunities to learn about the sector, gain an awareness of employment pathways, and up-skill in industry-required competencies.