**Experienced Care Coordinator  
Sydney**

Our client services team provide a range of counselling, care coordination and home-based care services designed to improve the health and wellbeing of our communities.

* We’re looking for an experienced Care Coordinator to join our multi-disciplinary team and help shape the ongoing development of our support services.

ACON provides a colourful, nurturing and fun workplace. We’re offering an opportunity for an experienced Care Coordinator to provide support to people of diverse sexualities and/or genders who are experiencing mental health difficulties, suicidal crisis, homelessness, sexual, domestic and family violence, and people living and/or affected by HIV. This position is suited to Social Workers, Psychologists, Occupational Therapists or Registered Nurses with experience working in the mental health or community services sector and multidisciplinary teams.

Our staff and volunteers are the foundation for our ongoing effectiveness. ACON is committed to our employees’ professional development and engagement - ensuring we build our capabilities with people that have the right values, attitudes, skills and knowledge.

We have one full-time position available working 70 hours per fortnight (part-time hours will not be considered). A one to three year contract is available depending on skills and experience.

**Salary**: $91,100 – $104,000 (total remuneration package including superannuation and leave loading) commensurate with skills and experience. You may also elect to salary package a portion of your salary (up to $30,000 gross-up value) tax-free.

**Location**: Sydney

For more information please contact:

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**Applications close midnight Sunday 26 September 2021**

If this sounds like a position and organisation that you’ve been looking for, find out how to apply at [www.acon.org.au](https://www.acon.org.au/jobs)/jobs.

All applications must include:

1. a completed ACON application form;
2. a document addressing the selection criteria (max. 4 pages); and
3. your resume (max. 3 pages)

ACON is an EEO employer. As part of our commitment to creating a diverse and inclusive workplace, people with HIV, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

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**Position Description**

**Position Title:** Care Coordinator

**Work Level:** Professional

**Reports to:** Manager Allied Health

**Reporting to position:** None

**Position Overview**

This position delivers care coordination service to NSW clients of diverse sexualities and/or genders (LGBTQ+ people), and people living with HIV. Clients may present in present in suicidal crisis or they may require support for their mental health and resilience, homelessness, NDIS, domestic and family violence, substance use or for support with gender affirmation. The role is placed within the context of a state-wide, multi-disciplinary team of allied health professionals working within a short-term, trauma-informed framework.

You will be required to provide psycho-social assessment and care coordination support to self-referred clients, clients referred internally within ACON or clients referred from external service providers (e.g. mental health teams, hospital settings, GPs, other community-based services). You may also be required to provide some brief incidental counselling support to individuals and work closely with Mental Health LGBTQ+ Peer Workers.

**Main Activities**

* Conduct psycho-social assessments and identify the need for immediate assistance for clients and making referrals for longer-term support in relevant cases
* Maintain a caseload of clients providing short-term care coordination services using a range of evidence-based strategies and interventions
* Conduct assessments and interventions via face to face and telehealth modes dependent on client preference, location and public health restrictions
* Work with clients presenting with multiple and complex needs to develop care plans, navigate health, medical and community services, support applications and advocacy for Housing/Centrelink/NDIS and develop self-management skills.
* Support people who have been newly diagnosed with HIV, living longer term with HIV or are at risk of HIV
* Assess, manage, safety plan and deliver therapeutic interventions for people are experiencing suicidal risk and/or sexual, domestic or family violence (SDFV)
* Consistent and accurate collection of clinical outcome measures for the purposes of therapeutic intervention and to demonstrate service outcomes
* Work in collaboration with crisis services and mental health services to ensure appropriate levels of care and support for the individual
* Be available for secondary consults to support internal and external services to deliver inclusive practice to our communities
* Opportunity to facilitate groups

**General activities**

* Continually enhance networks with agencies and external service providers to ensure that all clients are provided with a comprehensive range of options and referrals, in particular local health district mental health services, housing and alcohol and other drugs services
* Plan, schedule, deliver and evaluate team activities to achieve established goals and objectives in line with the ACON Business Plan
* Actively participate in ongoing process of supervision, internal meetings, quality improvement activities and continuing professional development
* Identify key health issues for target populations and assist with health promotion interventions across ACON and external service providers
* Perform other duties to assist with the work of the unit as requested by your supervisor (or designate)

## **Selection Criteria**

## **Essential:**

1. Professional qualification (e.g. Social work/Psychology/Occupational Therapy/Registered Nurse) and current registration with appropriate professional body (e.g. AASW, AHPRA)
2. Minimum of three years’ care coordination experience in the fields of HIV/sexual health or mental health or suicide prevention or SDFV or disability
3. Demonstrated understanding, knowledge and commitment to working with people of diverse sexualities and/or genders, and people living with and affected by HIV
4. Demonstrated experience undertaking psychosocial assessments, goal setting and care planning, advocacy, building referral pathways and using short-term evidence-based therapeutic interventions (e.g., solution-focused brief therapy, cognitive behaviour therapy)
5. Demonstrated knowledge and experience supporting clients to access the social services sector including Department of Housing, Centrelink, Victims of Crime, the NDIS and other community-based organisations and mental health services
6. Risk assessment and management including suicide and SDFV risk.
7. Advanced level written, oral communication skills including case note documentation, outcome measure implementation, negotiation and conflict resolution management. Strong skills in using Microsoft Office Applications.

**Desirable**

1. Experience facilitating therapeutic groups
2. Experience delivering training and/or a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment

**How do I apply?**

You must email us the following three documents in MS-Word or PDF format to [vacancy@acon.org.au](mailto:vacancy@acon.org.au):

**1) An ACON Application Form**

You can download this at [www.acon.org.au/jobs](https://www.acon.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/ACON_Employment-Application-Form.pdf)

**2) Your Cover Letter outlining your Claim against the Selection Criteria**

Tell us how you meet each of the Selection Criteria in the Position Description in detail.

Let us know how your skills and experience relate to the requirements of the position and how you can use them to excel in this job.

To do this, please address each criterion separately. You should use statements with examples that clearly demonstrate your competency in a particular area.

Applicants who do not demonstrate that they meet the requirements of the position will not be invited to attend an interview.

**3) Your Resume**

Tell us about your previous employment and your education. Be sure to include:

1. Your **Name** and **Contact details**
2. Your **Education** including any degrees you have received, the institution and its location and the date of your graduation. You might also want to include your major/minor fields, any honours, and publications.
3. Your **Work Experience** including jobs, internships, and volunteer work.

**How does recruitment work at ACON?**

There are five main steps in the process:

**1) Application**

ACON receives your application, cover letter and resume. You will receive an email from our HR Team acknowledging that we have received your documents.

**2) Shortlisting**

A selection panel of 2-4 qualified persons will review all the applicants and offer interviews to those applicants whose applications best address the requirements of the position.

**3) Interview**

If you are shortlisted for interview you will be contacted by the chairperson of the selection panel and invited to an interview. Your interview may take the form of a question and answer session, a presentation of your previous work, a test of your computer skills, or any other form that is relevant to the position. The chairperson will let you know the format of the interview and any documents, presentations, or examples of previous work that you might need to bring with you.

**4) Offer**

Appointments to positions with ACON are based on merit. This means that the applicant who is judged to be the most capable of carrying out the duties of the position will be offered the job. The decision to make you an offer is based on your written application, your performance at interview, and successful Referee Checks, Criminal Record Checks and Working with Children Checks (if applicable).

**5) Acceptance and Commencement**

Once a salary and start date have been agreed, you will receive a commencement pack from the HR Team including your contract and other documents (e.g. the ACON Code of Conduct, Tax File Declarations, Bank Deposit details, Superannuation Choice forms, etc.). Once these are returned to the HR Team, you are ready to start work on your agreed date.

**How long does it take to hear back on my application?**

If you have applied via email, you will be sent a return email within 1-3 business days acknowledging receipt of your application. After the closing date of the vacancy, your application will then be reviewed, and we will contact to inform you of the result of the recruitment within 4-8 weeks after the application closing date.

If you are successful in gaining an interview, the chairperson of the selection panel will contact you by telephone to arrange a suitable date and time for the interview. If you are not selected for an interview, you will receive an email informing you that your application was not successful on this occasion.