

Expression of Interest (EOI) Consumer Perspective Supervision Course (online within Victoria), 2022 – 2023

Background

The *Consumer Perspective Supervision (CPS) Training Delivery Project* commenced in June 2020, with the roll out of the first CPS training in Victoria. This project followed on from the *CPS Training Development Project*, completed in 2019, which involved extensive consultations within Victoria to identify training needs for consumer perspective supervisors, supervisees, and managers/workers/interested others. A curriculum for Consumer Perspective Supervisors was developed, and due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a fully online version has successfully been delivered twice.

The training aims to build discipline-specific Consumer Perspective Supervision capability and capacity in Victoria, to build capacity to provide CPS to the consumer/peer workforce. (CPS, because it is discipline specific, is not designed to be provided to the non-peer workforce, such as clinicians and non-peer managers).

The CPS course is written and facilitated by peer/consumer/lived experience leaders, supervisors and educators, most of whom are based in Victoria. In addition to the workshops, small group co-reflection sessions are a component of the course built in as a co-learning support for training participants, provided by people with extensive experience in mental health peer/consumer/lived/living experience work.

Due to popular demand, the Consumer Perspective Supervision Course has been funded for 3 more rounds of online training.

EOI Process

Applicants can apply at any time over the next year, however there are EOI closing dates for each course. The final date for EOI submissions is July 23rd, 2023.

Applicants only need to submit one EOI for the whole period. EOIs will be assessed based on a number of criteria, including suitability and priority.

If the applicant meets the eligibility criteria, but the places are filled for the round, their EOI will be reconsidered for the next round without the need to reapply.

If the applicant does not meet the eligibility criteria, they will be notified.

Scheduled course dates	EOI closing date
CPS Round 1 (August – December 2022).	EOI closing date: July 28th 2022
CPS Round 2 (1 st March – 14 th June 2023). Wednesdays.	EOI closing date: February 5th 2023
CPS Round 3 (23 rd August – 6 th December 2023). Wednesday mornings.	EOI closing date: July 23rd 2023

Course information

The Consumer Perspective Supervision course provides training in discipline-specific supervision (as distinct from line management or clinical supervision), by and for the consumer/peer/lived/living experience workforce, working in Victoria.

The course is open to people who are employed in a consumer/peer worker role in a Victorian state funded mental health service. Priority will be given to those who are currently providing discipline-specific supervision for consumer/peer workers, or this is a requirement of their current role. Others considered will be those who anticipate that they will be providing discipline specific supervision in the future. This course is fully funded and is free. Expressions of Interest (EOIs) will be reviewed by a panel of consumers representing project partners.

The course runs on a weekly basis unless there is a session break or holidays. Some sessions are longer than others and there are different start and finish times throughout the course.

- The course will run for 13 weeks of actual sessions usually over a 16-week period. The 16 weeks includes 2 holiday weeks and a final evaluation and course celebration event. Some training weeks will incorporate 2 sessions on the same day.
- Sessions range between 2 - 4 hours. Scheduled hourly breaks for 10 minutes are included.
- All course sessions and co-reflection (co-learning) groups are conducted on Zoom.
- There are course requirements regarding attendance at sessions and co-reflection (co-learning groups), as well as submission of course work equivalent of 1500 words that need to be met to pass the course and be awarded a certificate. Submitted course work must pass the stated criteria in the student handbook. Students may be offered mentoring support if they are struggling to meet the attendance and/or course work requirements.

*Course dates and times may be subject to changes or to minor variations.

Eligibility:

- Applicants have demonstrated experience working from a consumer perspective, in a consumer/peer/lived/living experience role or roles.
- Applicants are employed or contracted in a designated consumer/peer/lived/living experience role, within a Victorian funded mental health service or program.

- Applicants have a demonstrated understanding of the concept of discipline specific supervision as it applies to the consumer/peer/lived/living experience workforce.
- Applicants are able to demonstrate that they currently provide discipline-specific supervision to Victorian consumer/peer/lived/living experience workers, this is a requirement of their current role, or are building their capacity to provide CPS to this workforce in the future. Priority will be given to people who are currently providing supervision, or if it is a requirement of their current role.
- Applicants are able to commit to actively participating in at least **80%** of online sessions (80% of a total 16 course sessions). Session times range from 2 to 4 hours. All sessions include brief scheduled breaks (10 minutes per hour).
- Applicants are able to commit to actively participating in a minimum of 3/4 (x 1.5 hour) group co-reflection sessions over the duration of the course, and outside of online course time.
- Applicants are able to submit a piece of course work (equivalent to 1500 words, if in writing, though other mediums such as video submissions will be accepted) by the end of the course, to a standard that meets the criteria set for the course work.
- Applicants have reliable access to the internet, with camera on, and a quiet and private space for the course sessions. Access to Zoom (the online platform used for the course) via a computer for all online classes is required to participate in the variety of online class activities.
- Applicants are able to contribute to weekly session evaluations (via survey monkey) as well as an overall course evaluation (a focus group in the last week).

Important Dates:

CPS Round 1. August – December 2022. COMPLETED. (Please note session times range from 2 hours to 4 hours on Wednesday mornings, starting at 9:00am or 9:30am and finishing at 11:30am, 12:00pm or 1:00pm).

- EOI closing date: *July 31st 2022.*
- Course begins: *Wednesday 17th August 2022.* Course ends: *Wednesday 7th December 2022.*
Course breaks (x3): *Wednesday 21st & 27th September, Wednesday 2nd November 2022.*

CPS Round 2: March – June 2023. (Please note session times range from 2 hours to 4 hours).

- EOI closing date: *February 5th 2023.*
- Course begins: *Wednesday 1st March, 2023.*
- Course ends: *Wednesday 14th June, 2023.*
- Course breaks: *(Two weeks) Wednesday 12th & Wednesday 19th April (includes Easter).*

Please see next page for Round 3 EOI information...

CPS Round 3. EOI closing date: July 23rd 2023

(Course dates: 23rd August – 6th December 2023 on Wednesday mornings). (Please note session times range from 2 hours to 4 hours).

- EOI closing date: *July 23rd 2023.*
 - Course begins: *Wed 23rd August, 2023.*
 - Course ends: *Wed 6th December, 2023.*
 - Course breaks: *(Two weeks to align with school holidays – 20th Sept and 27th Sept 2023).*
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For any Consumer Perspective Course inquiries or questions please contact Sandy Watson at inside out & associates:

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If you want to apply for the Consumer Perspective Supervision Course, please complete the attached *Expression of Interest: Consumer Perspective Supervision Course Form* and follow the instructions for submitting the Expression of Interest.

Recommended resources:

Our Consumer Place. Website and resources.

<https://www.ourconsumerplace.com.au/consumer/resources>

VMIAC & CPN, 2018, *Consumer Perspective Supervision, A framework for supporting the consumer workforce*, Melbourne.

<https://cmhl.org.au/sites/default/files/resources-pdfs/FINAL%20CPS%20framework%2018.pdf>