



Chaplain

Churches of Christ in NSW & ACT

Lidcombe NSW, Australia [Part Time](#)

We are seeking a part-time prison chaplain to work at Mary Wade Correctional Centre (minimum security for male inmates).

- Permanent part-time position available (2 days per week);
- Based in Lidcombe
- Christian Based Not-for-Profit Organisation.

Provide pastoral support and spiritual care to inmates, their families, and staff...

Now over 125 years old, churches of Christ in NSW & ACT, consists of a network of over 70 churches. As a not-for-profit Christian organisation, our key agencies in NSW include Fresh Hope Communities, which provide a range of services to support the sectors of aged care, social and community welfare, hospitality, and ministry.

Our mission is to transform communities and lives with fresh hope.

Position Details

We are seeking a part-time prison chaplain to work at Mary Wade Correctional Centre (minimum security for male inmates).

Chaplaincy, in conjunction with a range of other services, ensures that people in custody are given the best chance of successfully reintegrating into society once they have completed their sentences. As a Chaplain you will provide high quality transformational pastoral care and spiritual support to inmates, staff, and families in line with the Freshhope's Mission, Vision and Values. In doing so, you will work inclusively with people of diverse backgrounds and needs, of faith or not, to sustain and empower them to attain holistic wellbeing.

Working under the direction of the Senior Chaplain, your responsibilities will include but are not limited to:

- Lead self by contributing to the overall culture of a centre by being a loving, joyful, enthusiastic, non-anxious presence.
- Keeping up to date records and data entries;
- Fulfil the legal requirements of the role;

You will be able to demonstrate the following key qualities:

- Possess recognised theological, chaplaincy and pastoral care qualifications or equivalent experience providing pastoral care.
- Endorsement by the Civil Chaplaincies Advisory Committee (CCAC) and accredited by the Commissioner of Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) to work part-time to inmates, correctional officers and departmental officers at a correctional centre
- Pastoral Care and/or Pastoral Counselling qualifications such as Clinical Pastoral Education (minimum 400 hours) or equivalent and ability to articulate a variety of theological perspectives arising from an individual's particular theological formation. Churches of Christ in NSW & ACT is also willing to consider a candidate that is prepared to undertake and complete (minimum 400 hours) accredited CPE course within a year of appointment
- Understanding of and demonstrated ability to work sensitively with individuals and faith/community groups from diverse religious, spiritual, and cultural traditions
- Demonstrated ability to listen, respond and act with sensitivity, empathy, compassion, and confidentiality including an understanding of problems which may be experienced by inmates, their families, and staff
- To be endorsed as Ministering Person with Churches of Christ in NSW or a willingness to undertake endorsement;
- Be available to minister outside of normal working hours in the event of emergency, crisis and unexpected need;
- An understanding of prison chaplaincy with capacity to maintain a clear and appropriate definition of the Chaplain's role in relation to other members of the multi-disciplinary team working within the Correctional Centre
- Perception of an individual's spiritual needs;
- High spiritual integrity and a heart to serve in Gods Kingdom.

To be successful in your new role you will need to demonstrate:

- Qualifications in chaplaincy and/or theological qualifications (Minimum diploma level);
- Experience in providing chaplaincy or pastoral care services (Minimum 1-3 years)
- Possess intermediate level computer skills using Outlook, Word, Excel & PowerPoint.
- Highly developed problem solving, decision making and negotiation skills;
- Possess a current National Police Check, or ability to acquire one;
- Possess a current Working with Children Check or ability to acquire one;
- Possess Creating Safe Spaces' Certificate. Or a willingness to obtain.
- COVID-19 Certificate and Booster or willingness to have Booster.
- High level communication and interpersonal skills including the ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing in an organisational setting.
- Current Drivers Licence.

Additional Application Instructions

To apply, please submit your cover letter and resume to Robyn Lee, Senior Chaplain by email to: robyn.lee@freshhope.org.au