

Work placement

The first step to a career in AOD practice

The AOD Provider Collaborative is committed to supporting the development of an effective, highly skilled and well-resourced AOD workforce in Counties Manukau. Key to achieving this goal is our ability to attract and retain exceptional AOD practitioners, at every stage of their career.

The Collaborative wishes to support students currently working towards a career in the AOD sector through a work placement initiative that will help students identify placement opportunities to fulfil the practical experience requirements of tertiary-level alcohol and drug courses available in the Auckland region. Such placements also help students gain an insight into the career pathways available within the AOD field in Counties Manukau.

We encourage you to explore the various placement options detailed here.

Factsheets are available on the Collaborative's website summarising each organisation and its placement programme.

Please contact individual member organisations to discuss specific opportunities that may be appropriate for you.

ORGANISATION	NUMBER OF PLACEMENTS PER YEAR OF STUDY				FIND OUT MORE
	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	POSTGRADUATE	
Abacus			1-2 Year 3 OR postgraduate placements per year		www.acts.co.nz
CADS South	5-6 in total across all years of study				www.cads.org.nz
CareNZ		2-3 Year 2 OR Year 3 placements per year			www.carenz.co.nz
Higher Ground			Up to 7 Year 3 OR postgraduate placements per year		www.higherground.org.nz
Odyssey	Placements are available across all years of study				www.odyssey.org.nz
Raukura Hauora o Tainui	Placements are available across all years of study				www.raukura.org.nz
Recovery Solutions: Phoenix Centre	2-3 placements per year at any level of study				www.recoverysolutions.co.nz/services/alcohol-and-other-drug-services
Salvation Army	4 (observational)	6 (120 hours)	4 (120 hours)	1-3	www.salvationarmy.org.nz
Tupu	1-2 per semester in total (any year of study)				www.cads.org.nz/Pacific.asp
Youthline		2-3 Year 1 OR Year 2 placements per year	1		www.youthline.co.nz

Placement timing and duration are often negotiable, and application dates may vary.

You can find factsheets about each organisation (with contact details for placement applications) at www.aodcollaborative.org.nz. Please contact organisations directly to discuss opportunities of interest to you.

An introduction to the AOD Provider Collaborative

The Counties Manukau AOD Provider Collaborative was formed in 2009 to ensure providers within the Counties Manukau District Health Board (CMDHB) catchment area are working together to maximise positive outcomes for AOD clients.

Funded by CMDHB, the Collaborative brings together 16 organisations delivering alcohol and drug treatment or related services within the region. It seeks to resource activities that are compatible with the CMDHB mental health and addictions philosophy in accordance with its AOD Plan.

In fulfilling this purpose, the AOD Provider Collaborative has initiated projects that support the Counties Manukau AOD workforce, contribute to the sector's growth, and help make the services great places to work. Specifically, the Collaborative seeks to:

⚙️ Understand the AOD treatment space better...

We have commissioned research on topical issues such as destigmatisation, vocational support and aftercare; and have recommended enhancements to service delivery and organisational effectiveness based on this research.

⚙️ Articulate a career path for AOD practitioners...

By investing in placement, internship and other professional development programmes, we hope to nurture an AOD practitioner talent pipeline for Counties Manukau.

⚙️ Invest in the continuing professional development of the AOD workforce...

We provide opportunities for practitioners to enhance their practice by developing learning initiatives and practice tools such as an annual AOD research symposium and online training modules in specialist areas such as youth friendly practice.

⚙️ Promote accessibility for the users of our services...

We have mapped the AOD services available within Counties Manukau and have produced a service map to help AOD service users and their whānau to get the help they need.

⚙️ Support consumer and peer services and networks...

We are investing in resources that strengthen the organisation, coordination and promotion of consumer and peer services across the region.

Details of these projects can be explored further on the Collaborative website.

"The service has been so inviting and supportive; I felt part of their team from day one of my placement. They opened my eyes to a whole new approach to recovery and learning, not just ticking the boxes – for that I am very grateful. They have taken their time to ensure I succeed in my studies."

Ron
Bachelor of Addiction Studies
Year 2 placement

"The support from every member of staff has built my confidence. Observing skilled practitioners, then participating with a variety of clients myself, has offered me many opportunities to develop competence."

Lee
Postgraduate Certificate in
Health Sciences (AOD)
Postgraduate placement

Please visit the AOD Provider Collaborative website,
or individual member organisation websites
for further information about placement opportunities.



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AOD PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN COUNTIES MANUKAU FOR TERTIARY STUDENTS



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