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Location

The Australian Institute for Suicide Research and Prevention is part of Griffith University’s Health Group, and is located in the Psychology Building (M24) and Arts and Education Building (M09), Mt Gravatt campus, in the Brisbane metropolitan area.

Postgraduate Programs

Griffith University’s Australian Institute for Suicide Research and Prevention (AISRAP) was the first tertiary institution in the world to develop – and the only university in Australia to award – Postgraduate Degree qualifications in Suicide Prevention and Suicidology (established 2001). The Graduate Certificate in Suicide Prevention Studies and the Master of Suicidology programs are fully available online to Australian and international students.

Life Promotion Clinic

AISRAP established the Life Promotion Clinic (an Australian first), a unique place of care and monitoring service for persons with suicidal ideation, where psychiatrists and psychologists cooperate in providing the highest possible standard of assistance. Today, it is also an official site of the Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists for Basic and Advanced Training (Psychotherapy). The Clinic hosts a bi-monthly Seminar Series featuring presentations delivered by experts in topics of current interest to community and industry stakeholders.

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Role of AISRAP

- Conduct research on the extent and nature of suicide in Australia and elsewhere, in order to provide policy-relevant advice to governments and other interested parties.
- Provide information about trends in suicide mortality and morbidity.
- Provide advice on evidence-based practices in the management of suicide ideators and attempters.
- Provide assistance to interested parties with teaching packages, consultancy and training of relevant personnel.

Queensland Suicide Register (QSR)

The Institute maintains the Queensland Suicide Register - a comprehensive database of suicide mortality data. It includes information obtained from police reports, post-mortem and toxicology reports, and psychological autopsy questionnaires. Funded by Queensland Health, this database covers all suicides in Queensland from 1990 to present.

Main areas of research

- Definitional issues
- Quality of data on suicide mortality
- Examination of trends in fatal and non-fatal suicidal behaviour
- Methods of suicide
- Youth suicide
- Elderly suicide
- Indigenous suicide
- Trans-cultural aspects
- Intervention studies
- Evaluation of suicide prevention programs and strategies
- Treatment of suicide ideators, self-harmers and attempters

Collaboration with the World Health Organization

In 2005, AISRAP was officially designated as a World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Research and Training in Suicide Prevention.

Terms of Reference:

- Collection and dissemination of information on suicide epidemiology and research findings on suicidal behaviour
- Standardisation of suicide terminology and nomenclature
- Participation in collaborative research under WHO’s leadership, including planning, conduct, monitoring and evaluation of outcomes, and promotion of its results through conferences and publications
- Education and training, including research training and postgraduate programs, and provision of supervision for PhD candidates
- Coordination of activities carried out by several institutions on suicide-related topics
- Providing information and advice on scientific and policy-related issues in the field of suicide prevention.

International Collaborations

A Memorandum of Understanding exists between AISRAP and the following institutions:

- Centre for Suicide Research, Pecking University, China (2004)
- SNEHA and Voluntary Hospital Systems (VHS), Chennai, India (2006)
- National Public Health Institute, Oslo, Norway (2007)
- Estonian-Swedish Mental Health and Suicidology Institute (2008)
- Fondazione Zancan, Italy (2008)
- University of Padua, Italy (2010)
- Academia-Sinica, Taiwan (2010)

National Centre of Excellence in Suicide Prevention

In 2008 AISRAP was established as the National Centre of Excellence in Suicide Prevention, funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing. The Centre plays a key role in the Australian Government’s National Suicide Prevention Strategy by providing advice, guidance and evaluation on initiatives and programs in suicide prevention.