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## PERSONAL OBJECTIVE

Working collaboratively with clients and other practitioners, to assist in contributing to healthier minds, bodies and environments.

# GAVIN COLGAN

## EHP POSITION

Principal Practitioner/Clinician

## BRIEF INTRODUCTION

Gavin is the senior clinician at EHP, and practices across a diverse range of the business' services. He has completed a number of relevant qualifications and worked in varied industries/professions, including social work, mental health, community services, environmental & public health, occupational hygiene, work health & safety (WHS), emergency management, workplace investigations, compliance & auditing, as well as fitness & sport. Gavin believes that this diverse background provides him with a greater appreciation of the importance of an ecological perspective in his practice, allowing him to better understand the effects of one's environment (physical & social) on both physical and mental wellbeing.

## EDUCATION

### Social Work/Mental Health/Community Health Services

Master of Social Work  
Graduate Certificate in Mental Health Practice  
Graduate Certificate in Forensic Behavioural Science  
Diploma of Community Services  
Diploma of Counselling\*  
Certificate III in Aged Care

### Environmental & Public Health/Occupational Hygiene & WHS

Graduate Diploma in Environmental Health  
University Certificate in Radiation Protection/Safety  
Advanced Diploma in Work Health Safety  
Diploma of Local Government (Health & Environment)  
Diploma of Work Health Safety  
Certificate IV in Public Safety (Defence Safety Coordination)  
Certificate IV in Occupational Health & Safety  
Certificate in Hazardous Chemical Safety Adviser (SofA AQTF)  
Certificate in Basic Principles of Occupational Hygiene (AIOH)  
Certificate in Principles of Occupational Hygiene (BOHS)  
Certificate in Monitoring Occupational Hygiene Hazards

### Fitness/Exercise/Wellness

Diploma of Fitness  
Diploma of Exercise Physiology  
Diploma of Sports Nutrition (SNHS – UK)  
Diploma of Nutrition (SNHS – UK)  
Certificate IV in Fitness (Personal Trainer) & Certificate IV in Fitness (General)  
Certificate III in Fitness (Gym Instructor) & Certificate III in Fitness (General)

### Investigations/Compliance/Emergency Management

Bachelor of Policing (Specialisation: Emergency Management)  
Graduate Certificate in Fire Investigation  
Graduate Certificate in Ethics & Legal Studies (Investigation Management)  
Advanced Diploma of Public Safety (Emergency Management)  
Diploma of Government (Investigations)  
Certificate IV in Government (Compliance)  
Certificate IV in Government (Statutory Enforcement & Investigation)  
Certificate II in Emergency Medical Services (First Response)

\* Currently studying to be completed



## EXPERIENCE

### **Social Work & Mental Health**

Gavin is a strong proponent of the ecological perspective in social work and mental health practice and is capable of drawing upon a diverse range of skills and experiences in providing an understanding of both the positive and negative effects one's environment can play on physical and mental wellbeing.

Gavin has gained lived Defence experience (across all three services) and has previously worked as a Regional Coordinator for the ADF Rehabilitation Program within Joint Health Command, this makes him suited to assisting veterans and their families. Gavin has also completed a significant period of placement as a Medical Social Worker in a Defence ward setting, practicing clinical social work with a range of clients.

### **Environmental & Public Health**

Gavin qualified as an Environmental Health Practitioner in 2012 and has acquired significant experience in environmental health integration within primary healthcare teams and deployed operations. This has included water safety, food safety, noise surveys, vector surveillance and control, waste management, emergency management, communicable diseases, epidemiological studies and health intelligence. Gavin has also completed the RAAF Operational Health Support course and was the recipient of the EHPA James C Smith award for the most outstanding postgraduate student in Environmental Health for 2012.

### **Occupational Hygiene & Work Health Safety**

In addition to his traditional Environmental Health role in Defence operations. Gavin also acquired occupational hygiene experience and skills, conducting hazardous substance sampling, air monitoring, radiation safety surveys, thermal comfort surveys, lighting surveys, basic ergonomic assessments and noise surveys.

Gavin has completed a number of WHS qualifications and has worked in various safety positions within Defence. This has included roles as a Unit and Regional Safety Adviser, as well as a National WHS Manager for a Joint ADF unit with facilities and operations both nationally and overseas. He has been awarded a number of Defence commendations for his work in Defence WHS, including a bronze and gold commendation for his individual efforts. Gavin is able to utilise this experience to assist in identifying workplace hazards and assessing your organisations risk.

### **Fitness & Exercise**

Gavin has been a qualified fitness and exercise trainer since completing his first AQTF fitness award in 2005.

## MEMBERSHIPS & CREDENTIALS

Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW) – Member

Environmental Health Australia (EHA) – Member

Australian Institute of Occupational Hygienists (AIOH) – Associate Member

British Occupational Hygiene Society (BOHS) – FOH Associate