

Katrina Czerkies

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Profile

Katrina Czerkies has over 20 years' experience in forensic psychological practice, across custodial and community settings. She has extensive experience working with the most complex and high-risk cases, providing expert psychological advice and evidence to courts and sentencing authorities, including under post-sentence legislation.

Katrina Czerkies has led the development and statewide implementation of psychological services, provided clinical governance and oversight to senior clinicians, and managed high-volume workloads within dynamic, multidisciplinary environments. Her practice is grounded in evidence-based approaches, rigorous documentation standards, and a strong commitment to ethical, effective service delivery.

Katrina Czerkies' work combines deep clinical expertise with strong leadership, legislative compliance, and a commitment to meaningful, sustainable behavioural change.

Katrina Czerkies recently transitioned from public service to private practice. She hopes to deliver independent, high-quality forensic psychological assessment and evidence-based interventions and build a trusted private-practice that is recognised for expertise, integrity, ethical rigor, while contributing to effective risk management and rehabilitation.

Skills and Attributes

- Advanced psychological assessment and intervention skills, both individual and group-based.
- Extensive experience in working with the most complex cases.
- Ability to apply knowledge, skills and expertise across contexts (e.g., custody, community).
- Experience in providing expert advice and evidence, particularly within the context of post-sentence legislation. This includes in relation to the efficacy of assessment and intervention services.
- Experience in the development, establishment, and implementation of psychological services on a state-wide basis.
- Extensive experience in the administrative management and clinical oversight of psychologists.
- Extensive experience in managing high volume workloads within dynamic environments.
- Extensive experience in maintaining and managing psychological documentation.
- Extensive experience in the administrative management and clinical oversight of psychologists.
- Extensive experience in management of stakeholder relationships, including within multidisciplinary and multiagency teams.
- Extensive experience in leadership roles.
- Experience in the planning, development, and facilitation of training.
- National Security Clearance – NV1 (currently un-sponsored)

Experience

Principal Psychologist, Katrina Czerkies Forensic Psychology

2026 – Current

Prepare psychological assessments for court and other sentencing authorities across the criminal justice system; facilitate individual interventions to assist clients to better understand themselves and their behaviours; implement evidence-based therapeutic techniques to promote meaningful and sustainable change; main accurate documentation in compliance with legal standards.

Chief Psychologist, CSNSW

2022-2025

Clinical governance and oversight, quality assurance, legislative compliance of psychological assessment and intervention-based services and programs provided by *Countering Violent Extremism (CVE)*; oversight of psychological service provision within CVE; administrative and clinical management of a team of senior psychologists within CVE; provision of psychological service delivery in the most complex cases; provision of subject matter expertise (SME) for CSNSW externally in matters relating to psychology and terrorism.

Senior Psychologist, CSNSW

2014-2022

Assessment and treatment of various offending populations (including substance abuse-, sexual and violent offending as well as violent extremism); Preparation of various report including *treatment reports* and *risk assessment reports* for the purpose of post-sentence legislation. Provision of consultation for the purpose of case and risk management; internal and external stakeholder engagement as well as multi-agency collaboration.

Psychologist, CSNSW

2010-2014

Assessment and treatment of high-risk and high-need male incarcerated sexual and violent offenders; program evaluation, namely *treatment reports*; internal stakeholder engagement.

Psychologist, Private Practice

2010

Assessment and treatment of adolescents and adults presenting with a range of emotional and psychological difficulties and disorders.

Psychologist, Corrective Services Western Australia

2007

Assessment and treatment of male incarcerated offenders, with a specific focus on the provision of services to at-risk inmates.

Probation and Parole Officer/ Unit Leader, CSNSW

2004-2010

Case management of offenders in the community; management of a small team of PPOs; stakeholder engagement.

Education

PhD Candidate

Deakin University

2023 - Current

Area of focus: Violent Extremism and Grievance-Fuelled Violence.

Identifying and examining individual-level factors and exploring behavioural patterns in order to differentiate ideological motivated offenders from other non-ideologically motivated populations.

Master of Psychology (Forensic Psychology)

University of Western Sydney

2008-2012

Post Graduate Diploma in Psychology

University of Western Sydney

2004

Bachelor of Social Sciences (Criminology)

University of Western Sydney

2000-2003