



In 1998 I commenced a Bachelor of Science (Psychology) degree at the University of Newcastle, on completion i began work with Allianz Insurance and in the role of Medical Injury Strategist providing assistance in the management and return to work of long term psychological and physical injuries.

During this time i completed my two years post graduate supervision and obtained general registration as a psychologist in NSW. In recent years i have worked with NSW Police Force, NSW Fire Brigade and Community Services as a Child Protection Caseworker. During this time i looked to further my knowledge in the field of forensic mental health/ forensic psychology and after looking into various options felt that the Masters of Forensic Mental Health offered by the University of NSW would assist in furthering my knowledge within this area.

In 2009 i commenced this programme and have found that upon completion my understanding of the many ways in which the law and mental health interact has significantly expanded and i have gained valuable knowledge relating to offending behaviour. This knowledge has not only been of assistance in my employment but helped me determine that professionally i wanted to specialise in the area of forensic psychology. On completion of this degree i applied and was successful in being admitted to the Master of Psychology (Forensic) programme at Bond University on the Gold Coast. The prior knowledge and experience obtained from the Masters of Forensic Mental Health has been invaluable in assisting me through my current studies.

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