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EDUCATION

Masters of Research (MRes)
(Anthropology), Macquarie University
(2016)
Bachelor of Arts (Anthropology),
Macquarie University (2013)



Natasha is an accomplished and experienced researcher. She joined ARTD in 2020 after working in the government and NGO sectors for over seven years in the areas of health, mental health, homelessness and the prevention of violence against women. Natasha is committed to delivering evaluations which support programs and policies to meet the needs of the communities and individuals they are designed for.



Evaluation offers a way to improve programs and policies, to better service the people and groups they are intended for. I love being able to bring my curiosity about people and systems to work every day and put it to use in helping inform decision making."

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MENTAL HEALTH AND HEALTH

Prior to joining ARTD, Natasha worked for NSW Health, Central Eastern Sydney Primary Health Network and Dianella Plenty Valley Community Health. Her roles involved designing, implementing and evaluating community health projects and commissioning and contract managing federally funded health, mental health and homelessness health programs.

Since joining ARTD, Natasha has worked on multiple projects, completing document reviews, developing ethics applications, drafting program logics, designing data collection tools, conducting qualitative and quantitative data collection, analysing and synthesising complex data to determine key findings and supporting report writing. Natasha is equally skilled at project coordination and collaborating with a range of stakeholders. She's passionate about ensuring that evaluation is accessible to all those involved.

- » **Evaluation of Suicide Prevention Initiatives** (The Ministry of Health, 2020-2023)
- » **Evaluation of the NSW Health End of Life and Palliative Care Framework, 2019-2024 (Phase 1)** (NSW Ministry of Health, 2021-2024)
- » **Evaluation of the Strategy to build health service planner capacity** (NSW Ministry of Health, 2021)
- » **Evaluation of Optimal Care Pathways (OCP) HealthPathways** (North West Melbourne Primary Health Network 2020-2021)
- » **Evaluation of Close the Gap for Vision roadmap - Regional: Implementation** (The Indigenous Eye Health Unit, University of Melbourne, 2018-2021)
- » **Evaluation of the Mental Health Stepped Care Model** (Eastern Melbourne Primary Health Network, 2020)
- » **Evaluation of Enrich Program** (North West Melbourne Primary Health Network, 2020)
- » **Evaluation Strategy for Problematic and Harmful Sexual Behaviours** (NSW Health, 2020-2021)

EDUCATION, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY

Natasha is currently supporting projects in homelessness and education; developing ethics applications for projects that engage complex groups, developing and monitoring longitudinal surveys and conducting qualitative data collection. She is also currently project managing the delivery of a meta-evaluation.

- » **Assertive Outreach Implementation and Outcomes Evaluation** (The Department of Communities and Justice, 2020-2022)
- » **Teaching Tool for Kindergartens** (Department of Education and Training, 2020-2022)
- » **Performance case studies IAS Indigenous Evaluation Framework** (National Indigenous Australians Agency, 2021)