

Principal Consultant

Professional Capability

Position number	Generic
Agreement	Public Sector CSA Agreement 2021 or as replaced
Classification	Level 7
Reports to	Manager, Disability and Inclusion (Level 8)
Direct reports	Various

Context

The Department of Education's strategic directions outline the commitment for every child, from Kindergarten to Year 12 to have access to high quality education underpinned by excellence in teaching and quality leadership. This is an education that meets the needs of the learner, preparing them for future success.

Statewide Services provides the services and supports required by schools to enable student achievement, with a focus on those students and schools that need it most. It encompasses both school and system-facing service delivery. While it primarily exists to support schools, it also has an important system-facing role supporting strategy and policy development.

Professional Capability drives the ongoing development of our workforce. Its purpose is to build professional capability to improve student achievement by enabling teaching and leadership excellence.

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Key responsibilities

- Provide high-level professional and strategic support for the effective development, implementation and coordination of projects, programs and initiatives. This includes developing and implementing strategies aimed at supporting whole-school approaches to improve the quality of teaching and learning.
- Facilitate team processes to maintain working relationships within a variety of settings, building and maintaining networks with senior management and staff across other divisions, regions, networks, schools and the wider community.
- Provide strategic specialised advice and support on a broad range of issues and initiatives supporting the Department of Education's strategic priorities.
- Undertake research, review and analyse of organisational policies, procedures and guidelines.

- Ensure the alignment and effective provision of policy, resources and services to improve student outcomes.
- Coordinate, monitor and report on the effectiveness of cross-divisional projects initiated by the Statewide Services.
- Research, prepare and evaluate briefing papers, speeches, correspondence, support documents, project budgets and confidential reports on behalf of the Statewide Services executive team.
- Consult and negotiate with internal and external stakeholders in a range of contexts related to Statewide Services. This includes the provision of subject matter expertise for system responses.
- Design, develop and monitor the delivery of project, programs and initiatives to meet current and emerging needs.
- Work within teams and across business units to ensure integrated service delivery to schools and the system.
- Work in a culturally responsive and context specific manner to productively and respectfully engage stakeholders.
- Monitor and manage staff leave entitlements to ensure accrued leave is cleared within a reasonable timeframe and in accordance with relevant awards, agreements and Departmental policy.
- Manage staff performance in accordance with the Public Sector Performance Management Standard and Departmental policy.

Selection criteria

1. Demonstrated substantial knowledge and understanding of the strategic direction of Western Australia's public education system and operations at a central, regional and school level.
2. Demonstrated high-level planning and management skills with a proven ability to plan and coordinate initiatives in a complex environment.
3. Demonstrated highly developed conceptual, analytical and problem solving skills and experience in applying strategic thinking to achieve outcomes and implementing effective change management strategies to achieve educational outcomes.
4. Demonstrated highly developed communication and interpersonal skills to build effective relationships and networks, including experience in undertaking high-level consultations, collaborations and negotiations.
5. Demonstrated highly developed written communication skills, including extensive experience in the preparation of correspondence, reports, Ministerials, briefing notes and policy.
6. Demonstrated highly developed organisational skills with a proven ability to deliver outcomes on schedule in a demanding environment and under tight timeframes.

Employees will be required to:

- obtain a current Department of Education Criminal Record Clearance prior to commencement of employment
- obtain or hold a current Working with Children Check
- complete the Department's induction program within three months of commencement
- complete any training specific to this role required by Departmental policy
- complete the Department's training in Accountable and Ethical Decision-Making within six months of appointment.

Certification

The details contained in this document are an accurate statement of the responsibilities and other requirements of the position.

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