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My work as a Clinical Neuropsychologist

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My study pathway

1998 - 2000	Bachelor of Science	University of Melbourne
2001	Honours in Psychology	University of Melbourne
2002	Employment - Research Assistant, volunteer Telephone Counsellor	
2003 - 2007	Master of Psychology (Clinical Neuropsychology) La Trobe University	
2008	Registration as a Psychologist	

A 10-year journey!

What does a Neuropsychologist do?

Neuropsychological Assessment:

- ▶ Intelligence
- ▶ Attention and Concentration
- ▶ New Learning and Memory
- ▶ Problem Solving Skills
- ▶ Academic Skills
- ▶ Mood, Anxiety, Psychological Trauma, Grief, Stress

What does a Neuropsychologist do?

Diagnosis of and Assessing the Effects of:

- ▶ Learning disabilities
- ▶ ADHD
- ▶ Autism
- ▶ Traumatic brain injury
- ▶ Epilepsy
- ▶ Stroke
- ▶ Brain Tumours, cancer, effects of cancer treatments
- ▶ Dementia
- ▶ Alcohol and substance-related brain injury

What does a Neuropsychologist do?

- ▶ **Treatment recommendations**

(e.g. recommendations for a rehabilitation program, strategies to assist in managing difficulties)

- ▶ **Behaviour management**

(behaviour analysis and behaviour support plans)

- ▶ **Adjustment counselling**

Where do Neuropsychologists work?

- ▶ Hospitals and Outpatient Clinics

(e.g. neurology departments, rehabilitation centres, learning disability clinics, autism clinics, dementia clinics)

- ▶ Private practice

(e.g. medico-legal assessments and work for insurance companies, such as TAC and Worker's Compensation)

- ▶ Research centres

Current Job - South West Brain Injury Rehabilitation Service (SWBIRS), NSW Health

- ▶ **Clients** - people who have sustained a traumatic brain injury (motor vehicle accident, sports injury, farm or workplace accident, assault) or stroke
- ▶ **Colleagues** - team of allied health professionals - Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, Speech Pathologists, Neuropsychologist; and visiting Rehabilitation Specialist and visiting Psychiatrist

My role:

- ▶ Neuropsychological Assessments (help to design clients' rehab programs)
- ▶ Psychological Assessments (mood, anxiety, stress, trauma)
- ▶ Adjustment Counselling and Psychological Therapy
- ▶ Education to clients and their families about brain injury

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