Criminal Justice and Forensic Psychology

Criminal justice/forensic psychologists apply psychological knowledge, theory and skills to the assessment and treatment of those who are mentally disordered and whose behaviour has led, or could lead to offending. Psychological knowledge is also applied to the understanding and functioning of legal and criminal justice systems, and to conducting research in relevant areas. A key role of criminal justice/forensic psychologists is risk assessment and risk management. Criminal justice/forensic psychologists often work in criminal, civil and family legal contexts and provide services for litigants, perpetrators, victims, and personnel of government and community organisations. They work in a number on contexts such as courts, mental health services, Corrections, Child Youth and Family, police and in research and policy contexts. They use their skills to provide a range of services including, developing psychological formulation and assessments/diagnoses, psychological intervention and programmes etc. Criminal justice and forensic psychologists require a minimum of a Masters degree in Psychology from an accredited educational organisation, or an equivalent qualification. Eligibility for the psychologist scope of practice requires a Board approved practicum or internship involving 1500 hours of supervised practice.

To find out more about study opportunities in criminal justice and forensic psychology click below.

Victoria University
https://www.victoria.ac.nz/psyc/research/research-areas/forensic-psychology

The University of Canterbury
http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/courseinfo/GetCourseDetails.aspx?course=PSYC428&occurrence=13W(C)&year=2013

Massey University
https://www.massey.ac.nz/study/courses/forensic-psychology-175309/

University of Otago
http://www.otago.ac.nz/psychology/study/papers/?papercode=PSYC325

To find out more about registering in the general scope of practice go to
https://psychologistsboard.org.nz/looking-to-register/scopes-of-practice/