



# CONTINUOUS OPEN EXAMINATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF STATE HOSPITALS

## Psychologist (Health Facility Clinical Safety)

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It is the objective of the State of California to achieve a drug-free state workplace. Any applicant for State employment will be expected to behave in accordance with this objective because the use of illegal drugs is inconsistent with the law of the State, the rules governing civil service, and the special trust placed in public servants.

### EXAMINATION TYPE AND POSITION LOCATIONS

This is an open examination for the Department of State Hospitals (DSH) for the following location(s):

DSH - Atascadero  
DSH - Metropolitan  
DSH - Patton  
DSH - Stockton  
DSH - Coalinga  
DSH - Napa  
DSH - Salinas Valley  
DSH - Vacaville

State Applications (STD. 678) will not be accepted on a promotional basis. Career credits do not apply.

### HOW TO APPLY

MAIL OR HAND DELIVER BOTH, A STATE APPLICATION (STD. 678) AND TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE EXAMINATION TO:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE HOSPITALS-SACRAMENTO  
SELECTION SERVICES UNIT  
1600 9TH STREET, ROOM 121  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814 (916) 651-8832

California Relay for the hearing impaired:  
From a TDD Phone (800) 735-2929  
From a Voice Phone (800) 735-2922

**DO NOT SUBMIT A STATE APPLICATION (STD. 678) TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES.**

**NOTE:** All State Applications (STD. 678) must include: "to" and "from" dates (month/day/year); time base; and civil service class titles. State Application (STD. 678) received without this information will be rejected. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of a completed State Application (STD. 678).

### EXAMINATION ELIGIBILITY LIMITATION

A candidate may be tested only once during any testing period. The testing period for this classification is once every 3 months. If you have taken an examination for this classification with the Department of State Hospitals- Atascadero, Coalinga, Metropolitan, Napa, Patton, Sacramento, Salinas Valley, Stockton, or Vacaville within the last 3 months, you are not eligible to compete in this examination.

### FINAL FILE DATE

**Continuous Testing – No Final File Date.** Testing is considered continuous as dates can be set at any time.

**SPECIAL TESTING ARRANGEMENTS**

If you have a disability and need special testing arrangements, mark "yes" on Question #2 on the State Application (STD. 678). The Selection Services Unit will contact you to make special testing arrangements.

**SALARY RANGE**

Atascadero, Coalinga, Metropolitan, Napa, and Patton

Range U: \$6,982 - \$7,591\*  
Range V: \$8,242 - \$9,200\*

Salinas Valley, Stockton and Vacaville

Range P: \$7,331 - \$7,969\*  
Range Q: \$8,654 - \$9,661\*

\*Salary reflects the increase effective 7/1/2015.

The salaries used in the bulletin may not reflect all pay raises or any additional bonuses. You should verify the salary level(s) with the department personnel office before making any commitments.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMITTANCE TO THE EXAMINATION**

It is your responsibility to make sure you meet the education and/or experience requirements stated on this announcement on the date you submit your application. Your signature on your State Application (STD. 678) indicates that you have read, understood, and possess the basic qualifications required.

**NOTE: All applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements for this examination by the testing deadline established by the testing office.**

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

License: Possession of a valid license as a Psychologist issued by the California Board of Psychology and possession of an earned Doctorate Degree in Psychology from an educational institution meeting the criteria of Section 2914 of the Medical Board of California's Business and Professions Code.

**And**

Possession of the education and experience for the appropriate specialty (Clinical, Counseling, Educational, Experimental, or Social) as outlined in Section 1396 of the Board of Psychology's Regulations.

Individuals who do not qualify for licensure by the California Board of Psychology or who are in the process of securing this license will be admitted into the examination and may be appointed, but must secure a valid license within three years of an appointment or the employment shall be terminated. For persons employed less than full time, an extension of a waiver of licensure may be granted for additional years proportional to the extent of part-time employment, as long as the person is employed without interruption in service, but in no case shall the waiver exceed five years.

(Unlicensed individuals who are recruited from outside the State of California and who qualify for licensure may take the examination and may be appointed for a maximum of two years at which time licensure shall have been obtained or the employment shall be terminated. Additionally, they must take the licensure examination at the earliest possible date after the date of employment.)

Education: Completion of all requirements for a Doctoral Degree in Psychology from a recognized college or university with specialization in clinical or child clinical psychology.

[Graduates of foreign universities, except Canadian, and graduates of unaccredited universities must meet the educational requirements for State licensure as a Psychologist as evidenced by a written statement from the California Board of Psychology and possession of an earned Doctorate Degree in Psychology from an educational institution meeting the criteria of Section 2914 of the Medical Board of California's Business and Professions Code. This statement will also be required to determine the sufficiency of an academic specialty believed equivalent to those mentioned here. (Applicants who are within six months of receiving their degree will be admitted to the examination but will not be eligible for appointment until receipt of the degree and completion of the internship.)]

<b>SPECIAL PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS</b>	An interest and a willingness to work at developmental centers, State hospitals, or correctional facilities contracting with the Department of State Hospitals for diagnostic and treatment services; understanding of the problems of developmentally or mentally disordered offenders; possession of scientific and professional integrity; alertness; patience; and the ability to handle stressful situations.
<b>SPECIAL PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS</b>	Possession and maintenance of sufficient strength, agility, and endurance to perform during physically, mentally, and emotionally stressful and emergency situations encountered on the job without endangering their own health and well-being or that of their fellow employees, forensic clients, patients, inmates, or the public.
<b>JOB DESCRIPTION</b>	Persons in this classification apply psychological knowledge and techniques to the problems of developmentally or mentally disordered offenders.
<b>DRUG TESTING REQUIREMENT</b>	Applicants for positions in these classes are required to pass a drug-screening test. (The drug-screening test will be waived for employees who are currently in a designated "sensitive" class for which drug testing is required under State Personnel Board Rule 213.)
<b>EXAMINATION INFORMATION</b>	<p><b>This examination will consist of a Training and Experience Examination – Weighted 100%</b></p> <p><b><a href="#">CLICK HERE FOR THE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE EXAMINATION.</a></b></p> <p><b>The examination will consist solely of a Training and Experience Examination. To obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum score of 70% must be received. An applicant will receive his/her score upon completion of the Training and Experience Examination process.</b></p>
<b>EXAMINATION SCOPE</b>	<p><b>Knowledge of:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Psychological theories and research.</li> <li>2. Principles, techniques, and problems in developing and coordinating a specialized psychological treatment program.</li> <li>3. Principles, techniques, and trends in psychology with particular reference to normal and disordered behavior, human development, motivation, personality learning, individual differences, adaptation, and social interaction.</li> <li>4. Methods for the assessment and modification of human behavior.</li> <li>5. Characteristics and social aspects of mental disorders and retardation.</li> <li>6. Research methodology and program evaluation.</li> <li>7. Institutional and social process.</li> <li>8. Group dynamics.</li> <li>9. Functions of psychologists in various mental health services.</li> <li>10. Current trends in the field of mental health.</li> <li>11. Professional training.</li> <li>12. Community organization and allied professional services.</li> </ol> <p><b>Ability to:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Plan, organize, and work in a specialized psychological treatment program involving members of other treatment disciplines.</li> <li>2. Provide professional consultation and program leadership.</li> <li>3. Teach and participate in professional training.</li> <li>4. Recognize situations requiring the creative application of technical skills.</li> <li>5. Develop and evaluate creative approaches to the assessment, treatment, and rehabilitation of mental disorders, to the conduct of research, and to the development and direction of a psychological program.</li> <li>6. Plan, organize, and conduct research, data analysis, and program evaluation.</li> <li>7. Conduct assessment and psychological treatment procedures.</li> <li>8. Secure the cooperation of professional and lay groups.</li> <li>9. Analyze situations accurately and take effective action.</li> <li>10. Communicate effectively.</li> </ol>

**ELIGIBLE LIST  
INFORMATION**

A departmental open eligible list will be established for the Department of State Hospitals-Atascadero, Coalinga, Metropolitan, Napa, Patton, Salinas Valley, Stockton, and Vacaville. The eligible list will be used to fill vacancies at Atascadero, Coalinga, Metropolitan, Napa, Patton, Salinas Valley, Stockton, and Vacaville. Names of successful competitors are merged onto the list in order of final score, regardless of date. Eligibility expires 12 months after it is established, unless the needs of the service and conditions of the list warrant a change in this period.

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**VETERANS'  
PREFERENCE**

Veterans' preference will be granted in this examination.

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**For an examination without a written feature** it is the competitor's responsibility to contact the Department of State Hospitals, Selection Services Unit at (916) 651-8832 three weeks after the application deadline date if she/he has not received a progress notice.

**If a competitor's notice of oral interview** or performance test fails to reach her/him prior to the day of the interview due to a verified postal error, she/he will be rescheduled upon written request.

**State Applications (STD. 678) are available** at the California Department of Human Resources, local offices of the Employment Development Department, the Department of State Hospitals, and accessible on the internet at [www.CalHR.ca.gov](http://www.CalHR.ca.gov).

**If you meet the requirements** stated on this bulletin, you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirements does not assure a place on the eligible list. Competitors who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

**The Department of State Hospitals** reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service if the circumstances under which this examination was planned change. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service law and rules and all competitors will be notified.

**Examination Locations:** When a written test is part of the examination, it will be given in such places in California as the number of competitors and conditions warrant.

**Eligible Lists:** Eligible lists established by competitive examination, regardless of date, must be used in the following order: 1) subdivisional promotional, 2) departmental promotional, 3) multidepartmental promotional, 4) servicewide promotional, 5) departmental open, 6) open. When there are two lists of the same kind, the older must be used first. Eligible lists will expire in one to four years unless otherwise stated on this bulletin.

**General Qualifications:** Competitors must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment and ability to work cooperatively with others; and a state of health consistent with the ability to perform the assigned duties of the class. A medical examination may be required. In open examinations, investigation may be made of employment records and personal history and fingerprinting may be required.

**Veterans' Preference:** Effective January 1, 2014, in accordance with Government Codes 18973.1 and 18973.5, Veterans' Preference will be awarded as follows: 1) Any veteran, widow or widower of a veteran, or spouse of a 100 percent disabled veteran, who achieves a passing score in an entrance examination, shall be ranked in the top rank of the resulting eligibility list. Any veteran who has been dishonorably discharged or released is not eligible for Veterans' Preference. 2) An entrance examination is defined, under the law, as any open competitive examination. And 3) Veterans' Preference is not granted once a person achieves permanent civil service status.

Veteran status is verified by the California Department of Human Resources (CalHR). Directions to apply for Veterans' Preference are on the Veterans' Preference Application (Std. Form 1093), which is available at <http://jobs.ca.gov/Job/VeteransInformation>, and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**High School Equivalence:** Equivalence to completion of the 12th grade may be demonstrated in any one of the following ways: 1) passing the General Education Development (GED) Test; 2) completion of 12 semester units of college-level work; 3) certification from the State Department of Education, a local school board, or high school authorities that the competitor is considered to have education equivalent to graduation from high school; or 4) for clerical and accounting classes, substitution of business college work in place of high school on a year-for-year basis.

**Career Credits:** In open, nonpromotional examinations, career credits are granted to: 1) State employees with permanent civil service status, 2) full-time employees of the State who are exempt from State civil service pursuant to the provisions of Section 4 of Article VII of the California Constitution, and who meet all qualification requirements specified by the Board and have 12 consecutive months of service in an exempt position, and 3) individuals who have served one full year in, or are graduates of, the California Conservation Corps (eligibility shall expire 24 months after graduation from the California Conservation Corps). Three points are added to the final test score of those candidates who meet the above criteria, and who are successful in the examination. Such examinations cannot be for managerial positions described in Government Code 3513. Competitors not currently employed in State civil service who have mandatory reinstatement rights may also be eligible for career credits, but they must explain their civil service status in the appropriate section of the State Applications (STD. 678). (Section 4 of Article VII of the California Constitution is posted at the California Department of Human Resources, 1515 S Street Sacramento, CA 95811.)

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From TDD Phones: 1-800-735-2929  
From Voice Phones: 1-800-735-2922