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**SALARY RANGE** Range T: \$3,485 - \$4,362\*

\*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.

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**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.**

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**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

Possession of a valid, active license from the State of California to practice as a Licensed Vocational Nurse.

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**SPECIAL PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS**

Willingness to work at a State hospital/facility; demonstrated leadership ability; aptitude for working with individuals who are acutely ill, infirm, visually impaired, have an emotional disorder, or who are mentally disordered offenders; and demonstrate ability to handle stressful situations, patience, and alertness.

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**SPECIAL PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

Incumbents must possess and maintain 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, individual's or the public.

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**DRUG TESTING REQUIREMENT**

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.)

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**EXAMINATION INFORMATION**

**This examination will consist of a Training and Experience Examination – Weighted 100%**

**[CLICK HERE FOR THE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE EXAMINATION.](#)**

**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.**

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**EXAMINATION SCOPE**

**Knowledge of:**

1. Fundamentals of nursing care, including medication administration.
2. General nursing procedures and techniques involved in the forensic individual's care.
3. Principles used in caring for individuals who are immobile.
4. Medical terminology.
5. General hospital/facility routine and equipment.

**Ability to:**

1. Perform nursing procedures as regulated by licensure and certification.
  2. Observe and document symptoms and behavior.
  3. Maintain records and prepare reports.
  4. Gain the interest, respect, and cooperation of forensic individual's care.
  5. Work effectively with forensic individuals and the interdisciplinary treatment team.
  6. Function effectively in an emergency situation.
  7. Practice universal precautions.
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**ELIGIBLE LIST  
INFORMATION**

A Departmental open eligible list will be established for the Department of State Hospitals-Coalinga and Salinas Valley. The eligible list will be used to fill vacancies at Coalinga and Salinas Valley. 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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