



CONTINUOUS OPEN EXAMINATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF STATE HOSPITALS SUPERVISING PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKER I

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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

This is an open examination for the Department of State Hospitals. Examination and/or Employment Applications will not be accepted on a promotional basis. Career credits do not apply.

HOW TO APPLY

PLEASE SUBMIT BOTH, AN EXAMINATION AND/OR EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION (STD. 678) FORM AND TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE ASSESSMENT TO THE ADDRESS INDICATED BELOW.

DO NOT SUBMIT EXAMINATION AND/OR EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION FORMS TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

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

WHERE TO APPLY

MAIL OR HAND DELIVER EXAMINATION AND/OR EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION FORMS 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

**EXAMINATION
ELIGIBILITY
LIMITATION**

A candidate may be tested only once during any testing period. The testing period for this classification is once every 12 months. If you have taken an examination for this classification with the Department of State Hospitals- Atascadero, Coalinga, Metropolitan, Napa, Patton, Salinas Valley, Stockton, or Vacaville within the last 12 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 Examination and/or Employment Application form. The Selection Services Unit will contact you to make special testing arrangements.

**IDENTIFICATION
REQUIRED**

Note: Accepted applicants are required to bring either a photo identification card or two forms of signed identification to each phase of the examination.

SALARY RANGE

ASH, CSH, MSH, NSH, and PSH
Range U: \$6,477 - \$7,592*

Salinas Valley, Stockton, and Vacaville
Range P: \$6,801 - \$7,971*

*Salary reflects the 2% increase effective 7/1/2014.

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 Examination and/or Employment Application form 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**

Either I

Two years of experience performing the duties of a Psychiatric Social Worker in the California state service.

Or II

Experience: Four years of experience in Psychiatric Social Work, at least one year of which must have been as a social work supervisor and at least two years of which must have been in a child guidance or psychiatric clinic, in a psychiatric extramural program, in a psychiatric hospital, or in a psychiatric department of a hospital; or in a hospital for the physically disabled. **and**

Education: Completion of a two-year graduate curriculum in social work in a recognized school of social work. (In appraising experience, more weight will be given to the breadth of pertinent experience and the evidence of the candidate's ability to accept and fulfill increasing responsibility than to the length of his experience.)

**SPECIAL PERSONAL
CHARACTERISTICS**

An objective and sympathetic understanding of the mentally, emotionally disturbed or mentally deficient or physically disabled; tolerance.

**POSITION
DESCRIPTION**

Under general direction, to provide supervision to psychiatric social workers working with and on behalf of mentally and emotionally disturbed, mentally deficient or physically disabled patients and their relatives in a State institution or clinic or in an assigned district and where there is no higher level psychiatric social work supervisor, to plan, organize, and direct the psychiatric social work program; and to do other related work.

**POSITION
LOCATION(S)**

Atascadero, Coalinga, Metropolitan, Napa, Patton, Salinas Valley, Stockton, and Vacaville.

**EXAMINATION
INFORMATION**

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

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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.

**EXAMINATION
SCOPE**

Knowledge of:

1. Principles, procedures, techniques, trends and literature of social work with particular reference to psychiatric social work.
2. Community organization principles.
3. Applying the principles of mental health education.
4. Characteristics and social aspects of mental and emotional disturbances and mental deficiency and physically disabled scope and activities of public and private health and welfare agencies.
5. Current trends in mental hygiene, public health and public welfare and Federal and State programs in these fields.
6. Principles and practices of supervision and supervising others, evaluating their work, and giving in-service training.
7. The department's affirmative action program objectives.

8. A supervisor's responsibility for promoting equal opportunity in hiring and employee development and promotion and for maintaining a work environment that is free of discrimination and harassment.

Ability to:

1. Arrange placements for patients on leave of absence.
2. Apply the principles of mental and physical health education.
3. Supervise others, evaluate their work, and give in-service training.
4. Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the work.
5. Secure accurate social data, record such data systematically, write clear, accurate and concise reports, and interpret statistical data.
6. Develop and direct a boarding home program for patients.
7. Give field work training to psychiatric social work students.
8. Analyze situations accurately and adopt an effective course of action.
9. Speak and write effectively.
10. Effectively promote equal opportunity in employment and maintain a work environment that is free of discrimination and harassment.

**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 - Atascadero, Coalinga, Metropolitan, Napa, Patton, Salinas Valley, Stockton, and Vacaville. The list will be in effect for a minimum of 12 months. It will be abolished after 48 months or the completion of a subsequent examination, whichever occurs first.

**VETERANS'
PREFERENCE**

Veterans' preference will be granted in this examination.

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.

Examination and/or Employment Application (STD. 678) forms 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.

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 Examination and/or Employment Application (STD. 678) form. (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