



# PROMOTIONAL SPOT EXAMINATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF STATE HOSPITALS- VACAVILLE

## SENIOR PSYCHOLOGIST, HEALTH FACILITY (SUPERVISOR)

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**EXAMINATION TYPE**

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

**HOW TO APPLY**

Please submit an Examination and/or Employment Application (STD. 678) form to the address indicated below. **DO NOT SUBMIT EXAMINATION AND/OR EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION FORMS TO THE CALIFORNIA HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT.**

**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:

**DSH-VACAVILLE  
SELECTION SERVICES UNIT  
P.O. BOX 2297  
VACAVILLE, CA 95696-2297  
(707) 449-6514**

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

**EXAMINATION  
ELIGIBILITY LIMITATION**

Competitors must have a permanent civil service appointment with the Department of State Hospitals or meet the provisions of State Personnel Board Rules 234 or 235 as of the final filing date in order to take this examination.

**FINAL FILE DATE**

**December 16, 2014.** Examination and/or Employment Application forms must be **POSTMARKED** no later than the final filing date. Examination and/or Employment Application forms postmarked, personally delivered or received via interagency mail after the final filing date will not be accepted. Examination and/or Employment Application forms must have an original signature; therefore, faxed forms will not be accepted for any reason.

**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.

**TESTING PERIODS**

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

**EXAMINATION DATES**

Qualifications Appraisal: It is anticipated that interviews will be held during December 2014.

**SALARY RANGE**

Range P: \$9,437 - \$10,102\*

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

The salaries used in this bulletin may not reflect all pay raises or any additional bonuses. You should verify the salary level(s) with the department personnel officer 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 final filing date.

**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.

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; however, applicants must first secure a license to practice as a psychologist in California before they will be eligible for appointment. and Experience:

**Either**

1. One year of experience in the California state service performing the duties of a Psychologist (Health Facility) (any specialty), or Staff Psychologist (any specialty); **or**
2. Two years of postdoctoral, post internship experience in the practice of psychology involving assessment and treatment and either training, research, consultation, or program planning in mental health services.

**SPECIAL PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS**

Scientific and professional integrity; ability to handle stressful situations; patience; alertness; and demonstrated leadership ability.

**POSITION DESCRIPTION**

Under general direction to (1) perform difficult and responsible assignments relating to psychological assessment and treatment and either (a) assist in the direction of the psychology program of a health facility, or (b) plan, organize, develop, and direct a psychology program similar in size and nature at a health facility; or (2) plan, organize, and coordinate a special patient treatment program which utilizes psychological techniques as its main nonmedical emphasis at a health facility, and coordinate the work of treatment staff of various clinical specialties and volunteers in the program. In addition, incumbents, as needed, serve as a department wide expert and psychology consultant in a specific psychology discipline; and do other related work.

**POSITION LOCATION(S)**

Vacaville

**EXAMINATION INFORMATION**

**This examination will consist of a Qualifications Appraisal Interview, weighted 100%.**

If conditions warrant, this examination may utilize an evaluation of each competitor's experience and education compared to a standard developed from the class specification. For this reason, it is especially important that each competitor take special care in accurately and completely filing out his or her application. List all experience relevant to the "Requirements for Admittance to the Examination" shown on this announcement, even if that experience goes beyond the seven-year limit printed on the applications. Supplementary information will be accepted, but read the "Requirements for Admittance to the Examination" carefully to see what kind of information will be useful to the staff doing the evaluation.

In order to obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum rating of 70% must be attained.

***Candidates who do not appear for the interview will be disqualified.***

**EXAMINATION SCOPE****Qualifications Appraisal – Weighted 100%****Knowledge of:**

1. Principles, techniques, and problems in developing and coordinating a specialized psychological treatment program.
2. 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.
3. Methods for the assessment and modification of human behavior; characteristics and social aspects of mental and developmental disabilities.
4. Research methodology and program evaluation.
5. Institutional and social process, group dynamics.
6. Functions of psychologists in various mental health services.
7. Current trends in the field of mental health.
8. Professional training.
9. Principles of personnel management and supervision.
10. Community organization and allied professional services.
11. State and departmental equal employment opportunity policies.
12. A manager's/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. Plan, organize, direct, or coordinate a specialized psychological treatment program involving members of other treatment disciplines.
2. Provide professional consultation and program leadership.
3. Supervise consultation and program leadership.
4. Supervise professional staff.
5. Teach and participate in professional training.
6. Recognize situations requiring the creative application of technical skills.
7. Develop and evaluate creative approaches to the assessment, treatment, and rehabilitation of mental disabilities, to the conduct of research, and to the development and direction of a psychology program.
8. Plan, organize, and conduct research, data analysis, and program evaluation.
9. Conduct the more difficult assessment and psychological treatment procedures.
10. Analyze situations accurately and take effective action.
11. Communicate effectively.
12. Understand and effectively carry out State and departmental equal employment opportunity policies.
13. Effectively promote equal opportunity in employment and maintain a work environment that is free of discrimination and harassment.

**ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION**

A promotional eligible list will be established for the Department of State Hospitals-Vacaville. The resulting eligible list will be used to fill vacancies at Department of State Hospitals -Vacaville only. 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 credit is not granted in promotional examinations.

**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](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 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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Sacramento, CA 95814

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From Voice Phones: 1-800-735-2922