DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES
EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT

PSYCHOLOGIST (HEALTH FACILITY - CLINICAL)
DEPARTMENTS OF MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

OPEN/CONTINUOUS

THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER TO ALL, REGARDLESS OF AGE, ANCESTRY, COLOR, DISABILITY (MENTAL AND PHYSICAL), EXERCISING THE RIGHT TO FAMILY CARE AND MEDICAL LEAVE, GENDER, GENDER EXPRESSION, GENDER IDENTITY, GENETIC INFORMATION, MARITAL STATUS, MEDICAL CONDITION, MILITARY OR VETERAN STATUS, NATIONAL ORIGIN, POLITICAL AFFILIATION, RACE, RELIGIOUS CREED, SEX (INCLUDES PREGNANCY, CHILDBIRTH, BREASTFEEDING AND RELATED MEDICAL CONDITIONS), AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION.

IT IS AN 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 TRUST PLACED IN PUBLIC SERVANTS.

SPOT FOR: PORTERVILLE DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

CONTINUOUS FILING:
Applications and the Criminal Record Supplemental Questionnaire (CRSQ) are available and MUST be filed in person or by mail with:

PORTERVILLE DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER
P.O. BOX 2000 (26501 AVENUE 140)
PORTERVILLE, CA 93258
ATTN: HR/EXAMS AND RECRUITMENT, W-1A RM 108
(559) 782-2325 or (559) 782-2322

DO NOT SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD

Applications (Form STD-168) along with the Criminal Record Supplemental Questionnaire (CRSQ) may be obtained at the State Personnel Board in Sacramento, any Employment Development Office, Department of Developmental Services, Porterville Developmental Center, or at http://www.jobs.ca.gov on the internet.

If you have a disability and need special testing arrangements, mark the appropriate box in Part 2 of the “Application for Examination.” You will be contacted to make specific arrangements.

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

No written test is required; the entire examination will consist of an oral interview.

QUALIFICATIONS APPRAISAL: Interviews will be held when a sufficient candidate pool exists and will be scheduled at the discretion of the appointing authority.

SALARY RANGE: Range U: $6,879 - $7,479
Range V: $8,120 - $9,064

This is an open examination. Applications will not be accepted on a promotional basis. Career credits do not apply.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMITTANCE TO THE EXAMINATION:
NOTE: It is your responsibility to make sure you meet the education and/or experience requirements below. Your signature on your application indicates that you have read, understood, and possess the stated qualifications.

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.

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 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.

(Non-licensed 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.)]

Applicants must show their license number, title, and expiration date on their application. License verification will be required prior to appointment as a Psychologist (Health Facility - Clinical), Departments of Mental Health and Developmental Services.

Special Requirements: Possession of scientific and professional integrity, emotional stability, patience, alertness, and tact.

THE POSITION: Psychologist (Health Facility - Clinical) apply psychological knowledge and techniques to the problems of mental and developmental disabilities in children, adolescents and adults; conduct various forms of group and individual therapy, including behavior modification and psychotherapy; select, administer, score and interpret psychological tests; assess patients and make recommendations on admission, transfer, discharge, and therapeutic activities; consult with medical personnel regarding patients status; evaluate and report on current and new programs; participate in treatment team, staff, and professional meetings; serve as consultants within the facility or to other agencies and groups; may work with community groups to develop supportive resources and conduct mental health education; may participate in training programs for other staff and volunteers; may participate in interviews for the selection of personnel; initiate, design, collaborate and report for publication; and may compile and analyze statistics.

This class is distinguished from the nonlicensed Psychologist (Various Specialties) class by the fact that it is only used in a health facility or in other setting where possession of a valid license as a Psychologist is legally required.

While all Psychologists in health facilities will be involved in a wide range of psychological services, staff assignments will differ in both kind and emphasis.

SEE REVERSE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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CLINICAL: The psychological aspects of mental disability, its alleviation, change and study.

EXAMINATION INFORMATION: This examination will consist of a Qualifications Appraisal Interview only. In order to obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum rating of 70.00% must be attained.

QUALIFICATIONS APPRAISAL - Weighted 100%

Scope:

A. Knowledge of:
   1. Psychological theories and research.
   2. Principles, techniques, and problems in developing and coordinating a specialized psychological treatment program.
   3. Principles, techniques, and trends in psychology with particular reference to normal and disordered behavior.
   5. Characteristics and social aspects of mental disorders and retardation.
   6. Research methodology and program evaluation.
   7. Institutional and social process, group dynamics.
   8. Functions of psychologists in various mental health services.
   10. Professional training.
   11. Community organization and allied professional services.

B. Ability to:
   1. Plan, organize, and work in a specialized psychological treatment program involving members of other treatment disciplines.
   2. Provide professional consultation and program leadership.
   3. Teach and participate in professional training.
   4. Recognize situations requiring the creative application of technical skills.
   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.
   6. Plan, organize, and conduct research, data analysis and program evaluation.

7. Conduct assessment and psychological treatment procedures.
8. Secure the cooperation of professional and lay groups.
9. Analyze situations accurately and take effective action.
10. Communicate effectively.

ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION: Names of successful competitors are merged onto the list in order of final scores, regardless of date. This list will be abolished 48 months after it is established unless the needs of the service and condition of the list warrant a change in this period.

The resulting eligible list will be used to fill vacancies at Porterville Developmental Center.

BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION: Competitors who are successful in this examination will be required to complete (prior to an appointment in this class) a background investigation document, on which information regarding certain arrests (regardless of conviction) and felony convictions must be divulged. Information collected on this document is distinct from that required on the Standard Application for Examination, Form Std. 678, and the Criminal Record Supplemental Questionnaire (CRSQ) that is filled out prior to the examination. The hiring agency uses the information obtained on the background investigation document to conduct background investigations and/or to determine an individuals suitability for employment.

DRUG TESTING REQUIREMENT: Applicants for positions in this class are required to pass a drug screening test. Testing of current employees who are applicants in an examination or who are transferring is permitted only if the person does not have a current appointment to a class for which drug testing is a requirement.

VETERANS PREFERENCE POINTS will be granted in this examination. You must apply for Veterans points through the State Personnel Board. You may obtain the form from the Porterville Developmental Center Personnel/Testing & Recruitment Office in Room 64 of the Administration Building.

GENERAL INFORMATION
It is the candidate’s responsibility to contact the Department of Developmental Services’ Testing Office three days prior to the test date if he/she has not received his/her notice.

For an examination without a written feature it is the CANDIDATE’S RESPONSIBILITY to contact the Department of Developmental Services’ Testing Office three weeks after the final filing date if he/she has not received a progress notice.

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

Applications are available at State Personnel Board Offices, local offices of the Employment Development Department and the Department noted on the front.

If you meet the requirements stated on the reverse side, you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirement does not assume a place on the eligible list. Your performance in the examination described on the reverse side of this bulletin will be compared with the performance of the others who take this test, and all candidates who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

The State Personnel Board 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 laws and rules and all competitors will be notified.

EXAMINATION LOCATIONS: Locations of interviews may be limited or extended as 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) statewide 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 from one to four years unless otherwise stated on this bulletin.

PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATIONS ONLY: Competition is limited to employees who have a permanent civil service appointment. Under certain circumstances other employees may be allowed to compete under provisions of Rules 234, 235, and 235.2. State Personnel Board Rules 231, 234, 235, 235.2 and 237 contain provisions regarding civil service status and eligibility for promotional examinations. These rules may be reviewed at departmental personnel offices or at the Information Counter of the State Personnel Board offices.

GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS: Candidates 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, examination may be made of employment records and personal history and fingerprinting may be required.

INTERVIEW SCOPE: If an interview is conducted, in addition to the scope described on the reverse of this bulletin, the panel will consider education, experience, personal development, personal traits, and fitness. In appraising experience, more weight will be given to the breadth and recency of pertinent experience and evidence of the candidate’s ability to accept and fulfill increasing responsibilities than the length of his/her experience.

Evaluation of a candidate’s personal development will include consideration of his/her recognition of his/her own training needs; his/her plans for self-development; and the progress he/she has made in his/her efforts toward self-development.

HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCE: Equivalence to completion of the 12th grade may be demonstrated in any one of the following ways: 1) passing the General Educational 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 candidate is considered to have the 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.

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2501 Harbor Boulevard
Costa Mesa, CA. 92626
Public: (714) 957-5712
TDD: (714) 957-5512

Canyon Springs
State-Operated
Community Facility
69-696 Ramon Rd.
Cathedrical City, CA. 92335
Public: (760) 770-6200
TDD: (760) 770-2950

Lanterman Developmental Center
3630 Pomona Boulevard
Pomona, CA 91768
Public: (909) 595-1221
TDD: (909) 595-3971

Porterville Developmental Center
26501 Avenue 140
Porterville, CA. 93257
Public: (559) 782-2087
TDD: (559) 782-7822

Sonoma Developmental Center
15000 Arnold Drive
Eldridge, CA. 95431
Public: (707) 938-6811
TDD: (707) 939-6200

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