



**DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES  
EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT**



**SENIOR PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIAN (SAFETY)**

**OPEN/CONTINUOUS**

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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 WORK PLACE. 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.

**OPEN 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  
ATT: HR/TESTING & RECRUITMENT  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, RM 64  
(559) 782-2325 OR (559) 782-2322**

**DO NOT SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD**

Applications (Form STD-678) 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:** S - \$5,036 - \$5,419  
T - \$5,255 - \$5,692  
U - \$5,489 - \$5,975

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 requirement below. Your signature on your application indicates that you have read, understood, and possess the state qualifications. All applications must include: "to" and "from" dates (month/day/year); time base; and civil service class titles (not working titles). Applications received without this information will be rejected.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

Possession of a valid license to practice as a Psychiatric Technician issued by the BVNPT.

**And**

One year of experience performing the duties of a Psychiatric Technician (Safety) or Psychiatric Technician in a California state hospital or developmental center.

**SPECIAL PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:** An interest and a willingness to work at developmental centers, State hospitals, and correctional facilities or psychiatric outpatient clinics in the Department of Corrections; understanding of the behavior of forensic clients', patients', or inmates' emotional stability; patience; tolerance; tact; alertness; neat personal appearance; and hearing and vision required for successful job performance.

**SPECIAL PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:** 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 the health and well-being of the incumbent, fellow employees, forensic clients, patients, inmates, or the public.

**THE POSITION:** This is the first supervisory level in the series. As shift supervisors, incumbents supervise, train, and evaluate a group of Psychiatric Technicians (Safety) engaged in custody activities and basic behavioral and nursing care, and other assigned staff. Incumbents may also be assigned to especially difficult or complex duties where the only supervision exercised is over forensic clients, patients, or inmates, such as directing or monitoring forensic client, patient, or inmate activities in a therapy program. For more descriptive job tasks please see the job specifications on the spb website at [www.jobs.ca.gov](http://www.jobs.ca.gov).

**Examination Information:** This examination will consist of a Qualifications Appraisal interview. In order to obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum rating of 70.00% must be attained. Qualifications Appraisal – Weighted 100.00%.

**QUALIFICATIONS APPRAISAL – WEIGHTED 100.00 %**

Scope:

- A. Knowledge of:
  1. Custody procedures and public and property protection policies.
  2. Fundamentals of nursing care, general behavioral and psychiatric procedures, forensic client, patient, or inmate behavior and mental health principles and techniques involved in the care and treatment of individual or groups of developmentally or mentally disordered forensic clients, patients, or inmates.
  3. Current first-aid methods.
  4. Medical terminology.
  5. Pharmacology.
  6. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
  7. Management Assaultive Behavior techniques.
  8. Hospital procedures.
  9. Techniques of effective supervision.
  10. A supervisor's role in equal employment opportunities.
- B. Ability to:
  1. Learn and apply sound judgment for situations including the protection of persons and property.
  2. Apply basic nursing knowledge, skills and attitudes.
  3. Establish effective therapeutic relationships with developmentally or mentally disordered forensic clients, patients, or inmates.
  4. Recognize symptoms requiring medical or psychiatric attention.

SEE REVERSE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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5. Think and act quickly in emergencies.
6. Work with a treatment team to provide occupational, recreational, vocational and educational therapy programs for forensic clients, patients, or inmates.
7. Follow directions
8. Keep appropriate records.
9. Develop clear and concise reports of incidents.
10. Analyze situations accurately and take effective action.

**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 24 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.

Applicants may be tested only once during a testing period. The testing periods for this examination are January 1 through March 31; April 1 through June 30; July 1 through September 30; and October 1 through December 31. Applications will not be accepted on a promotional basis.

**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, Human Resources/Examinations & Recruitment Office in Room 64 of the Administration Building.

**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 individual's suitability for employment.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

It is the candidate's responsibility to contact the Porterville Developmental Center's Testing Office three days prior to the written 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 Porterville Developmental Center's 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. Applications may also be downloaded from State Personnel Board website at <http://www.spb.ca.gov>.

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:** When a written test is part of the examination, it will be given in such places in California as the number of candidates warrant. Ordinarily, qualifications appraisal interviews are scheduled in Sacramento, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. However, 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) 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 from one to four years unless otherwise stated on this bulletin.

**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, investigation 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.

**VETERANS' PREFERENCE CREDITS** are awarded in open and open nonpromotional entrance examinations requiring *less than two years of experience and equivalent to graduation from a four-year college*. In OPEN examinations, eligible veterans, widows/widowers of veterans, and spouses of 100% disabled veterans received 10 points. Eligible disabled veterans receive 15 points. In OPEN NONPROMOTIONAL examinations, eligible veterans receive five points. Eligible disabled veterans receive 10 points. Individuals who receive veteran's points are not eligible for career credits. No veterans= preference credits will be allowed once a veteran achieves permanent civil service status. Directions for applying for veterans= preference points are on the Veteran Preference Application (Form 1093) which is available from State Personnel Board Offices, written test proctors, and the Department of Veterans Affairs, P.O. Box 942895, Sacramento, CA 94295-0001.

**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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69-696 Ramon Road  
Cathedral City, CA  
92234-3353  
Public: (760) 770-6260  
TDD: (760) 770-2590

**Fairview  
Developmental Center**  
2501 Harbor Blvd.  
Costa Mesa, CA 92626  
Public: (714) 957-5121  
TDD: (714) 957-5512

**Lanternman  
Developmental Center**  
3530 West Pomona Blvd.  
Pomona, CA 91769  
Public: (909) 595-1221  
TDD: (909) 595-3971

**Porterville  
Developmental Center**  
26501 Avenue 140  
Porterville, CA 93257  
Public: (559) 782-2222  
(559) 782-2322

**Sonoma  
Developmental Center**  
P.O. Box 1493  
Eldridge, CA 95431  
Public: (707) 938-6339  
TDD: (800) 735-2929

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