



# HEALTH RECORD TECHNICIAN I

CW45/1869 – Exam Code: 9RC11

OPEN – STATEWIDE

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### EXAMINATION BASE

#### DEPARTMENTAL OPEN FOR:

**California Prison Health Care Services (CPHCS)**

Positions currently exist statewide with CPHCS

### POSITION DESCRIPTION

The **Health Record Technician I** is the general entry level into this series and the journey person level for persons assigned specifically to coding or other comparable health record processing functions. Under close supervision, works with relatively structured records; and learns the principles of health data processing including detailed coding and basic abstracting; and does other related work.

### WHO CAN APPLY

Applicants who meet the minimum qualifications as stated below may apply and take this examination at any time, unless the applicant has tested within the testing period indicated below.

### HOW TO APPLY

The application and Training and Experience Assessment are available on the Internet. Applicants respond to questions regarding their ability to meet minimum qualifications, provide contact information, and take the Training and Experience Assessment. The application form for Health Record Technician I is contained within the Internet process; therefore, a standard state application is not necessary. You may apply and take the Training and Evaluation Assessment on the Internet by connecting to the following on-line instructions:

[http://cphcs.hodesiq.com/bl\\_joblist.asp](http://cphcs.hodesiq.com/bl_joblist.asp)

If you do not have Internet access, there are public access Internet terminals in over 150 California public libraries. Contact your local library for information as to where the nearest Internet terminal is located and the policies related to usage. The State Personnel Board Service Center, located at 801 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA also has internet terminals that are available for public use at no cost. For more information, contact the Service Center at 1-866-844-8671.

### APPLICATION DEADLINE/ TESTING PERIOD

Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis. All applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements for this examination at the time they file their application.

The testing period for this examination is six (6) months. Once you have taken the Training and Experience Assessment examination, you may not retest for six (6) months.

### SALARY RANGE

**Currently, as of January 1, 2009:**

**\$3,367 - \$3,680 Monthly** – This salary range applies to incumbents appointed at any Adult Institution, Division of Juvenile Justice, and Division of Correctional Health Care Services.

**\$2,638 - \$3,209 Monthly** – Base Pay

### BENEFITS

For a summary of benefits provided by the Department of Personnel Administration, click here <http://www.dpa.ca.gov/benefits/orientation/Benefits.shtm> or the State Personnel Board, click here <http://www.jobs.ca.gov/OEC/benefits/benefits.aspx>

**SPECIAL TESTING  
ARRANGEMENTS**

If you have a disability and need special testing arrangements, please contact the CPHCS' Selection Services Section at (916) 445-1086 to make specific arrangements.

**MINIMUM  
QUALIFICATIONS**

Qualifying experience may be combined on a proportionate basis if the requirements stated below include more than one pattern and are distinguished as "Either" I, "or" II, "or" III, etc. For example, candidates who possess qualifying experience amounting to 50% of the required time of Pattern I, and additional experience amounting to 50% of the required time of Pattern II, may be admitted to an examination as meeting 100% of the overall experience requirement.

**Education Requirements:** Equivalent to completion of the 12th grade. (Additional qualifying experience may be substituted for the required education on a year-for-year basis.) **And**

**Either I**

One year of California state service clerical experience which includes training and supervised work experience in the procurement and processing of health data.

**Or II**

Two years of clerical experience in the medical or health records section of a health facility. (Successful completion of an academic curriculum in medical records science in an accredited school may be substituted for the required general experience on a year-for-year basis.)

**EXAMINATION PLAN**

This examination consists of a Training and Experience Assessment weighted 100%. In order to obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum rating of 70% must be attained.

**TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE ASSESSMENT – WEIGHTED 100%**

**A. Knowledge of:**

1. Basic medical terminology, human terminology and human anatomy.
2. Health record systems and methodology used by health facilities.
3. Classification of morbidity and mortality information for statistical purposes.

**B. Ability to:**

1. Understand and conform to specific basic principles and rules of health data abstracting and coding.
2. Meet and deal tactfully with the public.
3. Communicate effectively.
4. Benefit from academic and in-service training and job experience.

**ELIGIBLE LIST  
INFORMATION**

An open merged eligible list will be established for CPHCS. The names of successful competitors will be merged onto the eligible list in order of final scores regardless of test date. Eligibility expires 12 months after it is established. Competitors must then retake the Training and Experience Assessment to re-establish eligibility.

**VETERANS POINTS/  
CAREER CREDITS**

Veteran's Preference Points will be granted in this examination. Due to changes in the law, which were effective January 1, 1996, veterans who have achieved permanent civil service status are not eligible to receive Veteran's Preference Points. Career Credits will not be granted in this examination.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Applications** are available at the State Personnel Board or their website at [spb.ca.gov](http://spb.ca.gov), local offices of the Employment Development Department, and at the California Prison Health Care Services.

**If you meet the requirements** stated in this bulletin, you may take this examination. Possession of the entrance requirement(s) does not assure a place on the eligible list. All candidates who pass the examination described in this bulletin will be ranked according to their scores.

**Eligible Lists:** Eligible lists established by a competitive examination, regardless of date, must be used in the following order: 1) subdivisional promotional; 2) departmental promotional; 3) multi-departmental promotional; 4) servicewide promotional; 5) departmental open; 6) open. When there are two lists of the same kind, the older must be used first.

**The California Prison Health Care Services** 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 revisions will be in accordance with civil service laws and rules and all competitors will be notified.

**General Qualifications:** Competitors must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, 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, an investigation may be made of employment records and personal history, and fingerprinting may be required.

**High School Equivalence:** Equivalence to completion of the 12<sup>th</sup> 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 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 (high school is four years).

**Veteran's Preference:** California law allows the granting of Veteran's Preference Points in Open Entrance and Open, Nonpromotional Entrance examinations. Veteran's Preference Points will be added to the final score of all competitors who are successful in these types of examinations and qualify for and have requested these points. Credit in Open Entrance and Open, Nonpromotional Entrance examinations is granted as follows: 10 points for veterans, widows and widowers of veterans, and spouses of 100% disabled veterans; and 15 points for disabled veterans. Directions to apply for Veteran's Preference Points are on the Veteran's Preference Application (Std. Form 1093) which is available from State Personnel Board, 801 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA 95814 and the Department of Veteran's Affairs, P. O. Box 942895, Sacramento, CA 94295-0001.

**IT IS AN OBJECTIVE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO ACHIEVE A DRUG-FREE 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.**

**ONLY INDIVIDUALS LAWFULLY AUTHORIZED TO WORK IN THE UNITED STATES WILL BE HIRED**

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