**SENIOR PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIAN (SAFETY)**

**OPEN – CONTINUOUS FILING**

**Position Information**
Positions currently exist statewide with the California Correctional Health Care Services.

As shift supervisor, the Senior Psychiatric Technician (Safety) supervises, trains, and evaluates 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 patients, or inmates/youthful offenders, such as directing or monitoring patient, or inmate activities in a therapy program and do other related work.

**Salary and Benefit Information**
Currently, as of January 1, 2012: $5,184 - $5,858 per month

This salary range is for incumbents appointed at Adult Institutions, Third Day Visiting Program, Division of Adult Parole Operation, Division of Juvenile Justice and Division of Correctional Health Services:


**Who Can Apply**
All applicants who meet the education and/or experience requirements as stated below may apply.

**Minimum Qualifications**
Possession of a valid license as a Psychiatric Technician issued by the California Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (BVNPT).

**Experience:** One year of experience performing the duties of a Psychiatric Technician (Safety) or Psychiatric Technician in a California State hospital or development center.

**Special Personal Characteristics:** An interest in and willingness to work at correctional facilities in the Department of Corrections; understanding of the behavior of patients’ or inmates’ emotional stability; patience; tolerance; tact; alertness; neat personal appearance; and hearing and vision required for successful job performance.

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**CONTACT INFORMATION**

ON THE WEB

[www.cphcs.ca.gov](http://www.cphcs.ca.gov)

We are an Equal Employment Opportunity employer to all regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, disability, religious or political affiliation, age, or sexual orientation.
Senior Psychiatric Technician (Safety)

California Correctional Health Care Services’ vision is to provide constitutionally adequate medical care to patient-inmates of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation within a delivery system the State can successfully manage and sustain.

Minimum Qualifications (Continued)

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, patients, inmates or the public.

Examination Information

This examination will consist 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%

Knowledge of:

1. Custody procedures and public and property protection policies.
2. Fundamentals of nursing care, general behavioral and psychiatric procedures, patient or inmate behavior, and mental health principles and techniques involved in the care and treatment of individuals or groups of developmentally or mentally disordered patients or inmates.
4. Medical terminology.
5. Pharmacology
6. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
7. Management Assaultive Behavior techniques.
8. Hospital procedures.

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 patients or inmates.
4. Recognize symptoms requiring medical or psychiatric attention.
5. Think and act quickly in emergencies.
6. Work with a treatment team to provide occupational, recreational, vocational, and educational therapy programs for 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.
11. Supervise the work and development of a group of nursing staff.
How to Apply and Test
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 Senior Psychiatric Technician (Safety) is contained within the internet process; therefore, a standard state application is not necessary. You may apply and take the Training and Experience Assessment on the internet by connecting to the following on-line instructions:

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

If you have a disability and need special testing arrangements, please contact the California Correctional Health Care Services’ Selection Services Section at (916) 691-5894 to make specific arrangements.

Eligible List Information
The resulting eligible list will be established to fill vacancies within the California Correctional Health Care Services. Names of successful candidates are merged onto the list in order of final scores, regardless of date. Eligibility expires 12 months after it is established, unless the needs of the service and conditions of the list warrant a change in this period. Competitors must then retake the Training and Experience Assessment to re-establish eligibility.

Veterans Points and Career Credits
Veteran’s Preference Points will not be granted in this examination since it does not qualify as an entrance examination under the law. Career credits will not be granted in this examination.
General Information

Applications are available at the State’s career website at jobs.ca.gov, local offices of the Employment Development Department, the California Correctional Health Care Services, and at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

If you meet the requirements stated in this bulletin, you may take this examination, which is competitive. 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) sub-divisional promotional; 2) departmental promotional; 3) multi-departmental promotional; 4) service wide promotional; 5) departmental open; 6) open. When there are two lists of the same kind, the older must be used first.

The California Correctional 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 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 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).

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.

For Current Examination Information, call (916) 691-5894 or 1-877-793-4473

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