SUPERVISING PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKER I, CORRECTIONAL FACILITY
California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
OPEN – CONTINUOUS FILING

Position Information
Positions currently exist statewide with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

A Supervising Psychiatric Social Worker I, Correctional Facility, under general direction, in a State correctional facility or outpatient clinic in the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, provides supervision to psychiatric social workers working with and on behalf of mentally, physically, or developmentally disabled persons and their relatives and where there is no higher level psychiatric social work supervisor, to plan, organize, and direct the psychiatric social work program; to maintain order and supervise the conduct of inmates; to protect and maintain the safety of persons and property; and to do other related work.

Salary and Benefit Information
Currently, as of July 1, 2007: $6,801 - $7,739 per month

Through June 30, 2013, full-time employees’ monthly pay will be reduced by 4.62% in exchange for eight (8) hours of leave. Part-time employees shall be subject to the pay reduction on a pro-rated basis consistent with their time base.

For a summary of benefits, visit the California Department of Human Resources at:

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

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,” “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.

Possession of a valid license as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker issued by the California Board of Behavioral Science Examiners. (Applicants who are in the process of securing their license from the California Board of Behavioral Science Examiners will be admitted to the examination, but must secure a valid license before they will be considered eligible for appointment.)
Minimum Qualifications (Continued)
(Unlicensed 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 one year 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.)

And

Education: Completion of a master’s degree program from an accredited school of social work, approved by the Council on Social Work Education or equivalent degree approved by the California Superintendent of Public Instruction under the provisions of California Education Code Section 94310.

And

Experience: Two years of post-licensed or post-certified experience as a clinical social worker meeting the supervisor requirements of Section 4980.40(f)(3) of the Business and Professions Code.

And

Either I

Two years of experience performing the duties of a Psychiatric Social Worker, Correctional Facility, in the California state service.

Or II

Experience: Four years of experience in psychiatric social work, at least one year of which must have been as a social work supervisor and at least two years of which must have been in a child guidance or psychiatric clinic, in a psychiatric outpatient program, in a psychiatric hospital, or in a psychiatric department of a hospital.

Special Personal Characteristics: Empathetic understanding of patients of a State correctional facility; willingness to work in a State correctional facility; tact; emotional stability; patience; alertness; and keenness of observation.

Special Physical Characteristics: Persons appointed to this position must be reasonably expected to have and maintain sufficient strength, agility and endurance to perform during stressful (physical, mental and emotional) situations encountered on the job without compromising their health and well-being or that of their fellow employees or that of inmates.

Assignment may include sole responsibility for the supervision of inmates and/or the protection of personal and real property.
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. Principles, procedures, techniques, trends and literature of social work with particular reference to psychiatric social work.
2. Community organization principles.
3. Applying the principles of mental health education.
4. Characteristics and social aspects of mental and emotional disturbances and physically disabled.
5. Scope and activities of public and private health and welfare agencies.
6. Current trends in mental health, public health and public welfare and Federal and State programs in these fields.
7. Principles and practices of administrative and clinical supervision, evaluating subordinates work, and giving in-service training.
8. The Department’s Affirmative Action Program objectives.

Ability to:
1. Supervise licensed staff providing psychiatric social work services, including group and individual psychotherapy, case management, and discharge planning.
2. Apply the principles of mental and physical health education.
3. Supervise others, evaluate their work, and give in-service training.
4. Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the work.
5. Secure accurate social data, record such data systematically, write clear, accurate and concise reports, and interpret statistical data.
6. Give field work training to psychiatric social work interns.
7. Analyze situations accurately and adopt an effective course of action.
8. Communicate effectively.
9. Effectively contribute to the Department's affirmative action objectives.

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.
How to Apply and Test
Submit an Examination Application (Std. Form 678) and Training and Experience Assessment for this examination.

By mail: California Correctional Health Care Services
Selection Services Section, D1
P.O. Box 588500
Elk Grove, CA 95758

In person: California Correctional Health Care Services
Selection Services Section
8280 Longleaf Drive, Suite 101, Drop Box
Elk Grove, CA 95758

If you are personally delivering your application, you must do so between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Do not submit applications to the California Department of Human Resources.

The Training and Experience Assessment for the Supervising Psychiatric Social Worker I, Correctional Facility can be downloaded from State Personnel Board’s website at www.jobs.ca.gov, CCHCS’ website at www.cphcs.ca.gov or CDCR’s website at www.cdcr.ca.gov or copies can be obtained by calling (916) 691-5894.

Only applications with an original signature will be accepted.

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 Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. 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

California Relay Service for the Deaf or Hearing Impaired: 1-800-735-2929

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