



## RECREATION THERAPIST, CORRECTIONAL FACILITY California Correctional Health Care Services

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### Position Information

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

A Recreation Therapist, Correctional Facility, under general direction, in a State correctional facility, leads, instructs, and encourages patients in a program of individual and group activities of a physical, social, and cultural nature such as indoor and outdoor games and sports, dance, parties, dramatics, and special interest clubs; supervises entertainments and movies and assists in planning programs for special occasions; plans treatment goals for specific patients in conjunction with the therapeutic team; assists in coordinating recreation therapy with other therapeutic programs; coordinates the activities program of a group of patients, including simple crafts, games, social and musical activities, and instructs unit personnel in basic activity skills as assigned; observes patients' reactions and progress and records clinical notes to be included in medical files and prepares reports; orders supplies and equipment and cares for equipment and facilities; maintains order and supervises the conduct of persons committed to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; prevents escapes and injury by these persons to themselves, others or to property; maintains security of working areas and work materials; inspects premises and searches inmates/youthful offenders for contraband, such as weapons or illegal drugs; and other related duties.

### Salary and Benefit Information

Currently, as of July 1, 2015: \$5,850 - \$6,887 per month

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

<http://www.calhr.ca.gov/employees/pages/salary-and-benefits.aspx>

### Who Can Apply

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

### Minimum Qualifications

**Education:** Equivalent to graduation from a recognized college with major work in recreation or recreation therapy. The major must have included supervised field work. (Registration as a senior will admit applicants to the examination, but they must produce evidence of graduation or its equivalent and completion of the required field work before they will be considered eligible for appointment.)

**Note:** Equivalent to graduation from college refers to a Bachelor's degree. Applicants must have the number of semester or quarter credits, as well as the required coursework necessary to be awarded a four-year Bachelor's degree.

CONTACT  
INFORMATION  
ON THE WEB

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

[www.ChangingPrisonHealthCare.org](http://www.ChangingPrisonHealthCare.org)

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**Minimum Qualifications (Continued)**

**Special Personal Characteristics:** Empathetic understanding of patients of a State correctional facility including physically, mentally, and developmentally disabled persons; willingness to work in a State correctional facility; alertness; keenness of observation; tact; patience; and emotional stability.

**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.

Assignments may include sole responsibility for the supervision of inmates and/or the protection of personal and real property.

**Examination Information**

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%**

**Knowledge of:**

1. Theory and practice of mental and physical rehabilitation of mentally, physically, and developmentally disabled persons;
2. Therapeutic principles and techniques of group and individual activities used in recreation therapy, and skill in their application;
3. Various types of recreation and entertainment activities and providing leadership of these activities;
4. Basic pathology of diseases and disabilities resulting in psychological, physical, or organic conditions of the patient.

**Ability to:**

1. Provide leadership of various types of recreation and entertainment activities;
2. Interpret recreation therapy activities to staff, health care providers, patients, and others;
3. Teach others basic activity skills;
4. Prepare reports and records to be included in medical files;
5. Analyze situations accurately and adopt an effective course of action;
6. Establish and maintain cooperative interrelationship with individuals and groups.



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**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 Recreation Therapist, Correctional Facility 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](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' Examination Services 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.

**Veteran's Preference and Career Credits**

Veteran's Preference will be awarded in this examination. All persons who successfully pass this examination, who qualify for, and have requested Veteran's Preference will be placed in Rank 1 of the respective eligibility list, regardless of score. Career credits will not be granted in this examination.



#### General Information

Applications are available at the State's career website at [jobs.ca.gov](http://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 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 to any veteran, widow, or widower of a veteran, or spouse of a 100% disabled veteran who achieves a passing score in any Open examination to be ranked in the top rank of the resulting eligibility list. Directions to apply for Veteran's Preference are on the Veteran's Preference Application (CalHR 1093) which is available from Department of Human Resources at <http://jobs.ca.gov/Job/VeteransInformation> and the Department of Veterans Affairs at <http://www.calvet.ca.gov/>. Veteran's Preference is not granted once a person achieves permanent civil service status.

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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