



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF

Mental Health

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OPEN SPOT EXAMINATION FOR NAPA STATE HOSPITAL ACCOUNTING ADMINISTRATOR II

The Department of Mental Health is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer committed to ensuring the rights of every applicant and employee to work in an environment free from unlawful discrimination and harassment and without regard to race, color, sex/pregnancy, gender, age (40 and above), religion, marital status, national origin, ancestry, disability (mental and physical, including HIV/AIDS), medical condition (i.e., cancer or genetic characteristics), political affiliation or opinion, or sexual orientation.

It is the objective of the State of California to achieve a drug-free state workplace. 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.

EXAMINATION TYPE

This is an open spot examination for the Department of Mental Health, Napa State Hospital. Examination and/or Employment Applications will not be accepted on a promotional basis. Career credits do not apply.

HOW TO APPLY

Please submit an Examination and/or Employment Application (STD. 678) form to the address indicated below. **DO NOT SUBMIT EXAMINATION AND/OR EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION FORMS TO THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD.**

NOTE: All Examination and/or Employment Application forms must include: "to" and "from" dates (month/day/year); time base; and civil service class titles. Examination and/or Employment Application forms received without this information will be rejected. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of a completed Examination and/or Employment Application (STD. 678) form.

WHERE TO APPLY

MAIL OR HAND DELIVER EXAMINATION AND/OR EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION FORMS TO:

**NAPA STATE HOSPITAL
PERSONNEL OFFICE
2100 NAPA – VALLEJO HIGHWAY
NAPA, CA 94558-6293
(707) 253-5611 / TDD (707) 253-5768**

EXAMINATION ELIGIBILITY LIMITATION

A candidate may be tested only once during any testing period. The testing period for this classification is once every 12 months. If you have taken an examination for this classification with the Department of Mental Health, Atascadero, Coalinga, Metropolitan, Napa or Patton State Hospitals or with Salinas Valley or Vacaville Psychiatric Programs, within the last 12 months, you are not eligible to compete in this examination.

FINAL FILE DATE

MAY 12, 2009. Examination and/or Employment Application forms must be **POSTMARKED** no later than the final filing date. Examination and/or Employment Application forms postmarked, personally delivered or received via interagency mail after the final filing date will not be accepted. Examination and/or Employment Application forms must have an original signature; therefore, faxed forms will not be accepted for any reason.

SPECIAL TESTING ARRANGEMENTS

If you have a disability and need special testing arrangements, mark "yes" on Question #2 on the Examination and/or Employment Application form. The Selection Services Unit will contact you to make special testing arrangements.

IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED

Note: Accepted applicants are required to bring either a photo identification card or two forms of signed identification to each phase of the examination.

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ACCOUNTING ADMINISTRATOR II

JL12/4542/9NH15

Final Filing Date: 05/12/09

EXAMINATION DATES

Qualifications Appraisal: It is anticipated that interviews will be held during June or July, 2009.

SALARY RANGE

\$5,576 - \$6,727

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMITTANCE TO THE EXAMINATION

It is your responsibility to make sure you meet the education and/or experience requirements stated on this announcement on the date you submit your application. Your signature on your Examination and/or Employment Application form indicates that you have read, understood, and possess the basic qualifications required.

NOTE: All applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements for this examination by the final filing date.

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 possessing 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.

Either I

One year of experience in the California state service performing the duties of a professional accounting or auditing class equivalent in level to Accounting Administrator I (Specialist) or Accounting Administrator I (Supervisor).

Or II

Experience: Five years of increasingly responsible professional accounting or auditing experience. For at least one year, this responsibility must have been at a level equivalent to supervising a staff in the operation of a complex accounting system. [Experience in the California state service applied toward this requirement must include at least one year performing the duties of a class at a level of responsibility not less than that of Accounting Administrator I (Specialist) or Accounting Administrator I (Supervisor).] (Experience in the California state service may be applied toward the total experience requirement on a proportional basis.) and

Education: Either:

1. Equivalent to graduation from college, with specialization in accounting; or
2. Completion of the equivalent of 45 semester units given by a collegiate-grade residence or correspondence institution, of which 24 units must include courses in financial accounting, managerial accounting, intermediate/advanced accounting, fund/governmental accounting cost accounting, auditing, business law, computer applications/management information systems. (Persons who will complete course work requirements during the current quarter or semester will be admitted to the examination, but they must produce evidence of successful completion of the curriculum and the prescribed courses before they may be considered eligible for appointment.)

DEFINITION OF TERMS

"duties of a class with a level of responsibility equivalent to" means that the applicant must have State civil service experience of appropriate type and length in a class at the same or higher level of responsibility as the class specified.

Equivalent to graduation from college – Satisfaction of the requirements for a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university. Bachelor's degree, completion of the number of units typical of four full years of college (120 or more semester units, of 180 or more quarter units.) This means the applicant must show receipt of a bachelor's degree.

ADDITIONAL DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS

Preferred additional education includes courses in statistics, business finance, mathematics, college composition, speech/oral communications and/or business composition.

SPECIAL PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS

Ability to qualify for a fidelity bond.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

This is the full supervisory level in the series where the majority of the time is spent on administrative and supervisory activities. Positions at this level supervise a group of professional or analytical and semiprofessional accounting staff performing accounting and other fiscal related work or direct a variety of specialized or central control fiscal activities, typically through subordinate supervisors at the Accounting Administrator I (Supervisor) level.

This level, under general direction, either: (1) performs as the Chief Accounting Officer in a medium-complex or large-standard accounting office; or (2) performs as a multisection supervisor in a large-complex accounting office; or (3) performs as a sectional manager in a very large-complex accounting office.

POSITION LOCATION(S)

Napa State Hospital.

EXAMINATION INFORMATION

This examination will consist of a Qualifications Appraisal weighted 100%. In order to obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum rating of 70% must be attained. ***Candidates who do not appear for the interview will be disqualified.***

EXAMINATION SCOPE

Qualifications Appraisal – Weighted 100%

Knowledge of:

1. Accounting principles and procedures.
2. Governmental accounting and budgeting.
3. The uniform accounting system and financial organization and procedures of the State of California and related laws, rules, and regulations.
4. Principles of business management, including office methods and procedures.
5. Business law.
6. Principles and techniques of personnel management and supervision.
7. Planning, organizing, and directing the work of others.
8. The department's Equal Employment Opportunity Program objectives.
9. A supervisor's role in the Equal Employment Opportunity Program and the processes available to meet Equal Employment Opportunity objectives.

Ability to:

1. Apply accounting principles and procedures.
 2. Analyze data and draw sound conclusions.
 3. Analyze situations accurately and adopt an effective course of action.
 4. Prepare clear, complete, and concise reports.
 5. Make sound decisions and recommendations in regard to the professional accounting problems in maintaining control of a departmental budget.
 6. Establish and maintain cooperative relations with those contacted in the work.
 7. Speak and write effectively.
 8. Plan, organize, and direct the work of others.
- Effectively contribute to the department's Equal Employment Opportunity objectives.

ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION

A departmental open spot eligible list will be established for the Department of Mental Health, Napa State Hospital. The eligible list will be used to fill vacancies at Napa State Hospital only. The list will be in effect for a minimum of 12 months. It will be abolished after 48 months or the completion of a subsequent examination, whichever occurs first.

VETERANS PREFERENCE

Veterans preference credit will not be granted in this examination since it does not qualify as an entrance examination under the law.

GENERAL INFORMATION

For an examination without a written feature it is the competitor's responsibility to contact the Department of Mental Health, Selection Services Unit at (916) 654-2351 three weeks after the application deadline date if she/he has not received a progress notice.

If a competitor's notice of oral interview or performance test fails to reach her/him prior to the day of the interview due to a verified postal error, she/he will be rescheduled upon written request.

Examination and/or Employment Application (STD. 678) forms are available at the State Personnel Board, local offices of the Employment Development Department, the Department of Mental Health, and accessible on the internet at www.spb.ca.gov.

If you meet the requirements stated on this bulletin, you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirements does not assure a place on the eligible list. Competitors who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

The Department of Mental Health 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 law 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 competitors and conditions warrant. Ordinarily oral interviews are scheduled in Sacramento. However, locations of interviews may be 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 one to four years unless otherwise stated on this bulletin.

General Qualifications: Competitors 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.

High School Equivalence: Equivalence to completion of the 12th grade may be demonstrated in any one of the following ways: 1) passing the General Education 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 competitor 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.

Career Credits: In open, nonpromotional examinations, career credits are granted to: 1) State employees with permanent civil service status, 2) full-time employees of the State who are exempt from State civil service pursuant to the provisions of Section 4 of Article VII of the California Constitution, and who meet all qualification requirements specified by the Board and have 12 consecutive months of service in an exempt position, and 3) individuals who have served one full year in, or are graduates of, the California Conservation Corps (eligibility shall expire 24 months after graduation from the California Conservation Corps). Three points are added to the final test score of those candidates who meet the above criteria, and who are successful in the examination. Such examinations cannot be for managerial positions described in Government Code 3513. Competitors not currently employed in State civil service who have mandatory reinstatement rights may also be eligible for career credits, but they must explain their civil service status in the appropriate section of the Examination and/or Employment Application (STD. 678) form. (Section 4 of Article VII of the California Constitution is posted at the State Personnel Board, 801 Capitol Mall, Sacramento.)

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