



# ANNOUNCEMENT FOR OPEN TESTING Nurse Consultant III (Specialist)

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**WHO SHOULD APPLY:** Persons who meet the minimum qualifications (entrance requirements) as stated on this announcement may take this examination, which is competitive.

**HOW TO APPLY:** To learn more about the job and testing arrangements, contact the testing office shown below. Applications are available at <http://www.spb.ca.gov/jobs/stateapp.htm>. Applications may be filed in person or by mail with:

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (916) 552-8350**  
**SELECTION UNIT**  
**In Person: 1501 Capitol Avenue, Suite 1501**  
**By Mail: MS 1700-1702**  
**P.O. BOX 997378**  
**Sacramento, CA 95899-7378**

**DO NOT SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD**

**CROSS FILING INFORMATION:** If you meet the entrance requirements for this classification and for Nurse Consultant III (Supervisor) scheduled at the same time, you may file for both examinations on a single application. You must indicate the class title(s) corresponding to each examination for which you are applying on the application Form STD. 678.

**FINAL FILING DATE:** Applications (Form STD. 678) must be submitted by **March 18, 2009**, the final filing date. Applications postmarked, personally delivered, or received via interoffice mail after the filing deadline will not be accepted.

**SALARY RANGES:** \$5,953 - \$7,644 per month.

**POSITION DESCRIPTION:** Positions at this level function as nonsupervisory technical specialists in difficult and/or sensitive program and policy development or in a coordinating role where the level of expertise required is definitively greater than that for any other supervisory position at this level. Incumbents serve as highly skilled technical program consultants, or as recognized authorities in areas of extreme sensitivity or complexity, or in areas of high specialization. Typically, incumbents have statewide responsibility for the nursing and related components of a major statewide program with coordinating or lead responsibility for nursing and other professional/technical staff. Under general direction, incumbents provide the most complex, difficult, and sensitive consultation; develop, plan, organize, coordinate, implement, and evaluate the nursing and related components of a major statewide program; evaluate and ensure statewide program consistency; provide professional guidance to nursing and other health professional staff; and do other related work.

Positions exist with the California Department of Public Health in Sacramento.

**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 by **March 18, 2009**, the final filing date. Your signature on your application indicates that you have read, understood, and possess the basic qualifications required.

**NOTE:** Applications/resumes **must** include "to" and "from" dates (month/day/year), time base, civil service class title(s), and range (if applicable) for all work experience. College course information **must** include title, semester or quarter units, name of institution, completion dates, and degree (if applicable).  
**Applications/resumes received without this information will be rejected.**

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Qualifying experience may be combined on a proportionate basis if the following requirements include more than one pattern and are distinguished as either I, or II, or III, etc.

A baccalaureate or higher degree in nursing from a school of nursing accredited by the National League for Nursing (NLN) or its equivalent for foreign graduates. (For applicants who received a baccalaureate degree in a health-related field prior to 1990, the California State Public Health Nurse Certificate may be substituted for the baccalaureate in nursing (BSN), thereafter the baccalaureate or higher degree must be in nursing from a school of nursing accredited by the NLN or its equivalent for foreign graduates.) **AND**

Possession of a master's degree in a health-related field such as: nursing, public health, health care services, health care administration, or hospital administration. All degrees must be from an institution approved by the Council for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education under the provisions of California Education Code Chapter 3, Part 59, Division 10, **AND**

**Either I**

Two years of experience performing the duties of a Nurse Consultant II in the California state service.

**Or II**

Broad and extensive (at least five years) professional registered nursing experience, at least four years of which shall have been in an administrative, consultative, teaching, or supervisory capacity. (One year of health-related postmaster's graduate work may be substituted for one year of general nursing experience.)

**GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS:** In addition to the scope defined on this announcement, candidates 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.

**EXAMINATION INFORMATION:** This examination utilizes an evaluation of education and experience (E&E) weighted 100%, and is based solely upon information provided with the application. Information provided with the application will be assessed compared to a standard developed in relation to the elements of the job and linked to the knowledge and abilities required on the job.

Special care should be taken to submitting a complete description of your education and experience relevant to the typical tasks, scope, and minimum qualifications stated on this announcement. Supplemental information will be accepted but competitors should read the announcement carefully to determine what kind of information will be useful to those individuals completing the evaluation.

The Department of Public 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.

**SCOPE:** Ratings will be determined based on the depth and breadth of professional education and experience beyond what is minimally required. Emphasis will be placed on measuring:

**Knowledge of:**

1. Principles, techniques, methods, and procedures of current nursing practices.
2. Epidemiology and methods of health promotion and disease prevention concepts and methods of control of communicable diseases.
3. Current philosophies and patterns of nursing education.
4. Principles and methods of consultation.
5. Group process and problem solving.
6. Research principles and methodology.
7. Roles, responsibilities, and interrelationships of the various health disciplines and health agencies.
8. Functions of social and health agencies.
9. Cultural and sociological patterns as they affect health programs.
10. State and Federal legislation related to health services.
11. Management problem-solving methods.
12. Principles and methodology of research.
13. Current trends in the fields of nursing education and health care services.
14. Interagency and interdiscipline relationships.

**Ability to:**

1. Effectively provide consultation and technical assistance.
2. Establish and maintain the confidence and cooperation of those personnel within the department and in other social and health agencies.
3. Analyze situations accurately and take effective action.
4. Be flexible in approach to the solution of problems.
5. Communicate effectively; prepare reports.

**ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION:** A departmental open list will be established for use by the California Department of Public Health. The list will expire 24 months after it is established unless the needs of the service and conditions of the list warrant a change in this period. All candidates meeting the requirements for admittance to the exam will be placed on the eligible list in one of three ranks.

**NOTE:** Transfer of list eligibility is not permitted from a list established by an E&E examination to a list established by any other type of examination.

Eligible Lists established by 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, and 6) open. When there are two lists of the same kind, the older must be used first.

**VETERANS PREFERENCE:** Veterans preference credits will not be granted in this examination since it does not qualify as an entrance examination. [California law](#) limits granting of veterans preference credits to entrance examinations.

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