



**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
ANNOUNCEMENT FOR OPEN EXAMINATION  
PHARMACEUTICAL CONSULTANT II, DHS (SPECIALIST)  
Continuous Testing**



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California State Government supports equal opportunity to all regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, gender, marital status, disability, religious or political affiliation, age, or sexual orientation. It is the 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.

**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:** Applications must be submitted via the U.S. Postal Service or hand delivered to the Department of Public Health Human Resources Office (hours are 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM). Standard State Applications (STD. 678) can be found at: <http://jobs.ca.gov/pdf/std678.pdf>. Submit Standard State Application to:

**Mailing Address:**  
California Department of Public Health  
Selection & Certification Unit  
MS 1700-1702  
P.O. Box 997378  
Sacramento, CA 95899-7378

**File in Person Address:**  
California Department of Public Health  
Selection & Certification Unit  
1501 Capitol Avenue, Suite 71.1501  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Telephone: (916) 552-9212

**DO NOT SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD OR THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES. ALSO, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH WILL NOT ACCEPT APPLICATIONS SENT ONLINE, VIA INTER-AGENCY MAIL OR FAX.**

**FINAL FILING DATE:** There is no final filing date. Testing is considered continuous as dates can be set at any time. The testing office will accept applications continuously and will notify and test applicants as needs warrant.

**TESTING PERIOD:** A candidate may be tested only once during any testing period. The testing period for this classification is January 1 through December 31.

**SALARY RANGES:** \$5673 - \$8206 per month

**EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:**

In addition to the salary above the California Department of Public Health offers benefits in the following areas:

- Health, Dental, and Vision
- Cash Benefit Programs
- Disability Insurance
- Work, Home, and Family
- Beneficiary and Survivor Benefits
- Awards
- Retirement and Separation Benefits
- Flexible Schedules
- Public Transit Reimbursement (limits apply)

A complete description of all benefits may be viewed at <http://www.calhr.ca.gov/Pages/home.aspx>

**POSITION DESCRIPTION:** Incumbents at this level function as staff specialists who develop policies for pharmaceutical services and benefits provided under medical care programs of the Department of Health Services currently known as California Department of Public Health; coordinate the development and promulgation of Department policies and regulations regarding the administration and reimbursement of drug-related programs and services and prescribing, procuring, manufacturing, and dispersing drugs; analyze legislation and make recommendations; prepare cost containment proposals and serve as consultants on critical issues within the Department of Health Services currently known as California Department of Public Health. In the licensing and certification function of the Department, incumbents are assigned a geographical area with multiple district offices and provide guidance and consulting services to staff and health facilities' operators on drugs and drug utilization, pharmacy practice, and pharmaceutical services which are required in health facilities including administrative, distributive, and clinical functions.

Positions exist with the Department of Public Health Statewide.

**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 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. Please submit a copy of your official degree and transcripts as it relates to meeting the education requirements for this examination.**

**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.

Possession of a valid certification of registration in pharmacy issued by the California State Board of Pharmacy.

#### **Either I**

Two years of experience performing the duties of a Pharmaceutical Consultant I, Department of Health Services currently known as Department of Public Health.

#### **Or II**

Three years of experience within the last five years in the practice of community or hospital pharmacy (exclusive of internship) including one year of administrative, supervisory, or consultant experience either as owner or manager of a pharmacy, in a public health or welfare agency, or as a Chief Pharmacist in a medical clinic or hospital. (Experience as a registered pharmacist in teaching, research, or drug manufacturing may be substituted for up to one year of the required general 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 and evaluation of education and experience (E&E) weighted 100%, and is based solely upon information provided with the application. Information provided with the applications 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 California 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. Drugs and medical supplies required in the operation of a pharmacy.
2. Pharmaceutical Chemistry.
3. Drug utilization.
4. Pharmacy economics.
5. Drug purchasing, pricing, and inventory control.
6. Principles of statistics.
7. Medical care administration.
8. Pharmaceutical manufacturing methods and drug distribution.
9. Interrelationships of Federal, State, and local professional and voluntary health and welfare agencies, and of programs and services of such agencies.

#### **Ability to:**

1. Recognize, assess, and develop solutions to problems involved in the pharmaceutical aspects of medical care programs.
2. Evaluate the quality and scope of pharmaceutical services provided under the program.
3. Interpret and apply policies and standards for the pharmaceutical aspects of medical care programs.
4. Establish and maintain effective and cooperative working relationships.

5. Analyze situations accurately and take effective action.
6. Report on the effects of proposed changes in the pharmaceutical aspects.
7. Communicate effectively.
8. Formulate policies and standards for the pharmaceutical aspects of medical care programs.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** Willingness to travel.

**ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION:** In order to obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum rating of 70% must be attained. Names of successful competitors are merged into the list in order of the 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.

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.

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MCI from TDD: 1-800-735-2929      MCI from voice telephone: 1-800-735-2922

Sprint from TDD: 1-888-877-5378      Sprint from voice telephone: 1-888-877-5379