CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
NURSE CONSULTANT III (SPECIALIST)
OPEN EXAMINATION
CONTINUOUS TESTING

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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: 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) 322-4460

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: The testing office has established the following application cut-off date: June 15, September 15, December 15, and March 15. Submission of applications after the cut-off date will not be accepted for the current examination, but will be held for the next scheduled examination.

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: $6072 - $8030 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: 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 may exist with the Department of Public Health in Alameda, Contra Costa and Sacramento counties.

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 **must** include "to" and "from" dates (month/day/year), time base, job titles and/or civil service class title(s), and range (if applicable) for all work experience. College course Information **must** include title, number of semester or quarter units, name of institution, completion dates, and degree. **Applications received without this information will be rejected. Applicants must submit a copy of official transcripts along with the application 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.

1. All classes in this series require possession of an active valid license as a registered nurse in California. (Applicants who do not meet this requirement will be admitted to the examination, but they must secure the required license before they will be considered eligible for appointment.)

AND

2. All classes in this series require 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.)

> * The National League for Nursing (NLN) has changed. Effective May 6, 2013, the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) conducts accreditation activities of nursing education programs and schools in the United States and its territories.

AND

3. All classes in this series require 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.

> *The Council for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education has changed. It is now the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education.

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.)

> **NOTE:** If qualifying under Pattern II, applications/resumes must include a detailed description of duties serving in position(s) in an administrative, consultative, teaching, or supervisory capacity in your professional registered nursing experience. Any additional attached pages must be signed and dated by applicant certifying statements made are true and complete. Applications/resumes received without this information could be rejected.

> **NOTE:** Applicants who already possess the license must show the license numbers, titles, and expiration dates on the application.

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 in 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; however, 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. 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 interdisciplinary 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 Education and Experience (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: Will be awarded in this examination, pursuant to Government Code Section 18973.1, effective January 1, 2014, as follows: 1) Any veteran, widow or widower of a veteran, or spouse of a 100 percent disabled veteran, who achieves a passing score in an entrance examination, shall be ranked in the top rank of the resulting eligibility list. Any veteran who has been dishonorably discharged or released is not eligible for veterans' preference; 2) An entrance examination is defined, under the law, as any open competitive examination; 3) Veterans' Preference is not granted once a person achieves permanent civil service status.

HOW TO APPLY FOR VETERANS' PREFERENCE: The California Department of Human Resources (CalHR) has information on how to apply for Veterans' Preference on their website at www.jobs.ca.gov and on the Application for Veterans' Preference form (CalHR 1093). Additional information is also available at the Department of Veterans Affairs website at www.cdva.ca.gov.

TDD is Telecommunications Device for the Deaf and is reachable only from phones equipped with a TDD device.
The California Relay (Telephone) Service for the deaf or hearing impaired:
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

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT (631)

Examination Title: Nurse Consultant III (Specialist)

Name: _____
(Print: first, middle initial, last)

FFD: Continuous

If you are successful in your examination your name will be placed on the active employment list and certified to fill vacancies according to the conditions you specify on this form. If you are unwilling to accept work or do not reply promptly to communications your name will be placed on the inactive list.

Locations in which you are willing to work:

Please check your choices - you will not be offered a job in locations not checked.

Alameda County (0100) _____

Contra Costa County (0700) _____

Sacramento County (3400) _____

TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT DESIRED:

ON A PERMANENT BASIS, I AM WILLING TO WORK:

_____ Full Time _____ Part Time (regular hours less than 40) _____ Intermittent (on call)

_____ Limited Term

ON A TEMPORARY BASIS, I AM WILLING TO WORK:

_____ Full Time _____ Part Time (regular hours less than 40) _____ Intermittent (on call)

_____ Limited Term

It is your responsibility to notify the Department of Public Health, Selection and Certification Unit, of any changes in your address or availability for employment. All correspondence must include your examination title, identification number and Social Security number.

Signature: _____ Date: _____