CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

NURSE CONSULTANT II
Schematic Code:  SW70  Classification Code:  8195  Exam Code:  8H1BA

Examination Type: Open Continuous

FINAL FILING DATES
Testing is considered continuous as dates can be set at any time. Applications will be reviewed to ensure the minimum requirements for participation in this exam are met. Possession of the entrance requirements does not assure a place on the eligible list. Once you have taken the examination, you may not retest for 12 months from the established list date.

Applications must be submitted by the filing dates indicated below. Applications postmarked, personally delivered, or received via interoffice mail after the final filing date, will be held for the next administration of the exam. The filing dates are:

March 15, 2017
June 15, 2017
September 15, 2017
December, 2017
March 15, 2018

SALARY
$5703-$7529 per month

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
The State of California is an equal opportunity employer to all, regardless of age, ancestry, color, disability (mental and physical), exercising the right to family care and medical leave, gender, gender expression, gender identity, genetic information, marital status, medical condition, military or veteran status, national origin, political affiliation, race, religious creed, sex (includes pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding and related medical conditions), and sexual orientation.
WHO CAN APPLY
Persons who meet the minimum qualifications (entrance requirements) as stated on this announcement may take this examination, which is competitive.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS
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

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

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.

AND

Either One
Two years of experience performing the duties of a Nurse Consultant I in the California state service.

Or Two
Four years of professional registered nursing experience at least two years of which shall have been in an administrative, consultative, teaching, or supervisory capacity. (One additional year of graduate work in group dynamics, interpersonal relations, or other courses relating to the consultative process in nursing, may be substituted for one year of the required 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.

**POSITION DESCRIPTION**

**TYPICAL TASKS**
The Nurse Consultant II, under general direction, provides complex nursing and program consultation and technical assistance to public and private agencies on the provision of health services; plans, develops, administers, organizes, monitors, and evaluates programs and studies on the delivery of health services; may also serve in a lead capacity to Nurse Consultants and other health-related multidisciplinary staff; develops and evaluates program standards, policies, and procedures; and does other related work.

**HOW TO APPLY**
To apply for this examination, please complete and return the following:

**STANDARD STATE APPLICATION (FORM 678)**

**COPY OF UNOFFICIAL/OFFICIAL COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS**

**TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE QUESTIONNAIRE**

Applications and any additional documents 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). Submit (California State Application STD 678) and any additional documents to:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Examination Services Unit
1615 Capitol Ave., 4th floor, Suite 73-430
P.O. Box 997378 MS 1700 – 1702
Sacramento, CA 95899-7378

**DO NOT SUBMIT APPLICATIONS**
TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES (CalHR)
THROUGH EMAIL
THROUGH FAX
CONTACT INFORMATION
All questions regarding the minimum qualifications, applying for the examination, being scheduled for the examination, reasonable accommodations, the examination components, scoring, etc., may be directed to the contact information below:

PHONE NUMBER:   916-322-4460

EXAMINATION INFORMATION
The examination will consist of the Training and Experience Questionnaire that is weighted 100%. The Training and Experience Questionnaire has been designed to elicit specific information regarding each candidate’s education and experience relative to the testing classification. Responses to the questionnaire will be assessed based on pre-determined rating criteria. In appraising the relative qualifications of candidates, consideration will be given to the extent and type of pertinent experience and education over and above what is minimally required.

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.

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 unofficial/official transcripts along with the application when using education to meet the entrance requirements for this examination.

SCOPE OF EXAMINATION: 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. Federal and State health care laws, regulations, and policies.
2. Complex theory and practice relating to infection control in medical facilities.
3. Epidemiology and microbiology.
4. Infection prevention and control practices.
5. Nationally recognized guidelines of the practice for infection prevention control.
6. Structure and content of the English language including the meaning and spelling of words, rules of composition, and grammar.
7. Arithmetic, algebra, statistics, and their applications.
12. The Life Course Approach.

Skills to:

1. Conduct investigations in health care facilities.
2. Evaluate the effectiveness of a program.
3. Communicate effectively verbally and in writing.
4. Speak in public to large groups.
5. Use logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions or approaches to problems.
6. Identify complex problems and the ability to review related information to develop and evaluate options and implement solutions.
7. Communicate using collaboration, credibility, compassion, and coordination.
8. Listen effectively, use participant centered education, and engage in motivational interviewing.
9. Review and provide technical assistance to local health jurisdictions scope of work objectives.
10. Provide technical assistance and consultation regarding program related issues including needs assessment, program planning, process and outcome measures, program monitoring, and evaluation.

Ability to:

1. Work independently as a consultant to other investigative surveyors.
2. Plan, coordinate, conduct, and surveys in health care facilities in California.
3. Report issues or concerns impacting the health care facilities in California.
4. Review, evaluates, analyze, and summarize medical records and medically related reports.
5. Professionally conduct interviews with patients, witnesses, and physicians.
6. Analyze California’s health care laws, regulations, and policies.
7. Provide technical assistance to local health jurisdictions scope of work objectives.
8. Conduct thorough on-site investigations of California health care facilities throughout California.
9. Interact professionally with on-site facilities personnel to facilitate unannounced investigation.
10. Write reports of deficiencies with supporting documentation in approved formats.
11. Build consensus with partners and stakeholders.
12. Confidently speak in public in front of large groups.
13. Be diplomatic and keep calm in stressful situations.
14. Make judgments based on scientific knowledge.
15. Evaluate the effectiveness of a program.
16. Prepare of effective presentations for education.
17. Communicate information and ideas in writing so others will understand.
18. Conduct research independently and with a team.
19. Work collaboratively with individuals and with a team.
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 a departmental open list established for use by the California Department of Public Health in order of final scores regardless of testing date. Eligibility expires 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 minimum qualifications will be placed on the eligible list.

VETERAN’S 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 State Jobs' website (www.jobs.ca.gov) has information on how to apply for Veterans’ Preference on their website and on the Application for Veterans’ Preference form (CalHR 1093) (https://jobs.ca.gov/PDF/SPB1093.pdf). Additional information is also available at the Department of Veterans Affairs website (http://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 II

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

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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.

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, Examination Services Unit, of any changes in your address or availability for employment. All correspondence must include your name, examination title, and identification number.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________