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**Bulletin Number** 22462BR

**Type of Recruitment** Open Competitive Job Opportunity

**Department** Mental Health

**Position Title** RECREATION THERAPIST II

**Exam Number** 25872D

**Filing Type** Standard

**Filing Start Date** 09/23/2013

**Filing End Date** 10/04/2013

**Filing End Time** 5:00 pm PST

**Salary Type** Monthly

**Salary Minimum** 4377.91

**Salary Maximum** 5742.09

**Position/Program Information** Provides a full range of professional recreational therapy services to assist patients with mental or physical disabilities to attain, regain, or maintain physical, social, or mental functioning or to adjust to their disabilities.

### Essential Job Functions

Plans, organizes and directs a recreation therapy program designed to assist in the treatment and rehabilitation of hospital, clinic, or institutionalized patients or clients, or specifically defined patient populations, including conceptualization and demonstration projects.

Supervises and conducts a variety of individual and group therapeutic recreational, social and physical treatment modalities and techniques including therapeutic intervention, instruction, leadership and counseling techniques which focus on the restoration of physical, mental, and social capabilities.

Selects, administers, analyzes, and interprets a variety of standardized and non-standardized assessment techniques of cognitive and social skills, affective behavior, and sensory motor integration to evaluate patients or clients; provides appropriate interventions requiring ongoing interpretation of assessment/re-assessment data which supports treatment goals and objectives.

Defines recreation therapy goals and objectives and plans, develops and implements the recreation therapy programs through effective and efficient utilization of subordinate staff, recreation facilities and equipment and supplies.

Contributes to the medical and rehabilitative services by participating in case, colleague and systems consultations, and serves on special committees representing recreation therapy in various hospitals, institutions, departmental, or community settings.

Conducts and/or coordinates social/leisure discharge planning and community adjustment programs, and referral and patient-family education services to assist the patient or client in reintegrating into the community and utilizing community resources.

Develops and maintains liaison with community agencies and recreation facilities to encourage their participation in recreation therapy and coordinate after care follow-up programs.

Evaluates the quality and effectiveness of existing recreation therapy programs and services and revises or modifies the program in keeping with the changing needs of the patient and the inter-disciplinary team objectives.

Documents treatment services in accordance with departmental, local, state, federal, and JCAHO regulations and regulatory standards.

Delegates responsibilities and assigns treatment procedures to subordinate recreation therapy personnel and students, reviews their work and may prepare their performance evaluations.

Orients new staff and members of inter-disciplinary team to therapeutic recreation procedures and the role of recreation therapy and provides on-going informal and formal in-service training to recreation therapy staff.

Provides technical guidance to subordinate staff and students by instructing and training them in therapeutic methods and by recommending treatment modalities and intervention when appropriate.

Evaluates current and future need for facilities, supplies and equipment, prepares and submits budget requests and follows through with ordering supplies and equipment.

Attends and participates in professional conferences, seminars and workshops.

**Requirements**

**SELECTION REQUIREMENTS:** Bachelor's degree from an accredited\* college or university with specialization in Recreation Therapy or Therapeutic Recreation -AND- Two years of experience in the practice of Recreation Therapy at the level of Recreation Therapist I\*\*. A Master's degree in Recreation Therapy or Recreation with a specialization in Therapeutic Recreation may be substituted for one year of the required experience.

**Physical Class**

**Physical Class II – Light:** Light physical effort which may include occasional light lifting to a 10 pound limit, and some bending, stooping or squatting. Considerable walking may be involved.

**License(s)  
Required**

Current certification to practice as a Recreation Therapist issued by the California Board of Parks and Recreation Certification -OR- Current certification to practice as a Therapeutic Recreation Specialist issued by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification.

A valid California Class C Driver License or the ability to utilize an alternative method of transportation when needed to carry out job-related essential functions. A valid California Class B

<b>Desirable Qualifications</b>	<p>Driver License may be required for appointment to some positions in this class.</p> <p>Experience providing individual and group therapeutic interventions with homeless individuals having co-occurring disorders of mental illness, substance use disorders, and physical health issues.</p> <p>Experience working within a multidisciplinary team.</p> <p>Experience delivering services to clients in the field.</p>
<b>Special Requirement Information</b>	<p>**Experience at the level of Recreation Therapist I in the County of Los Angeles is defined as performing professional recreation therapy services in acute medical, rehabilitation, or psychiatric hospitals, out-patient clinics, community health centers, mental health facilities, or institutional settings.</p> <p>In order to qualify, you must include a photocopy of the diploma, a copy of your official transcripts, indicating field of study, or certificate with your application at the time of filing.</p>
<b>Accreditation Information</b>	<p>CERTIFICATE/LICENSE INFORMATION: Please ensure the certification/License Section of the application is completed. Provide the title(s) of your required license(s) and/or certificate(s), the number(s), date(s) of issue, date(s) of expiration and the name(s) of the issuing agency for each license/certificate as specified in the Minimum Requirements. Please attach a photocopy of the required certificate/license to your application at the time of filing. Applications submitted without the required evidence of certification/license may be rejected as incomplete.</p> <p><b>Accreditation:</b> *Accredited institutions are those listed in the publications of regional, national or international accrediting agencies which are accepted by the Department of Human Resources. Publications such as <u>American Universities and Colleges</u> and <u>International Handbook of Universities</u> are acceptable references. Also acceptable, if appropriate, are degrees that have been evaluated and deemed to be equivalent to degrees from United States accredited institutions by an academic credential evaluation agency recognized by <u>The National Association of Credential Evaluation Services</u> or the <u>Association of International Credential Evaluators, Inc. (AICE)</u>.</p>
<b>Examination Content</b>	<p>This examination will consist of an evaluation of education and experience based upon application information and desirable qualifications weighted 100%. Candidates must achieve a passing score of 70% or higher in order to be placed on the eligible list.</p>
<b>Special Information</b>	<p>Appointees may be required to work any shift, including evenings, nights, holidays or weekends.</p>
<b>Vacancy Information</b>	<p>The resulting eligible list will be used to fill vacancies throughout the Department of Mental Health as they occur.</p>
<b>Eligibility Information</b>	<p>The names of candidates receiving a passing grade in this examination will be placed on the eligible list and will appear in the order of their scoring group for a period of twelve (12) months following the date of eligibility.</p>
<b>Available Shift Application and</b>	<p>Any</p> <p>All applicants are required to submit a Standard County of Los</p>

**Filing  
Information**

Angeles Employment Application online only. Resumes cannot be accepted in lieu of applications, although resumes may be uploaded as attachments to the applications. This examination will remain open until the need of the services are met, and is subject to closure without prior notice.

**You MUST complete the filing process ONLINE (via electronic submission) ONLY.**

**APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY U.S. MAIL, FAX OR IN PERSON WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**Instructions for Filing:** A standard County of Los Angeles Employment Application for this examination must be completed online and submitted electronically. Applications electronically received after 5:00 pm, PST on the last day of filing will not be accepted.

APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THEIR JOB APPLICATIONS AND UPLOAD REQUIRED OR ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS (e.g., diploma/official transcripts, license) AS ATTACHMENT(S) AT THE TIME OF FILING.

Additional documents may also be faxed to (213) 637-5892.

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The acceptance of your application will depend on whether you have clearly shown that you meet the Selection Requirements. Please be sure your application indicates complete information, including dates for education and jobs held which relate to this position. For each job held, give the name and addresses of your employer, your job title, beginning and ending dates, description of work performed, total number of hours worked (full or part-time) and salary earned. Resumes showing training and experience may be attached to the Los Angeles County Application. All information and records are subject to verification. Falsification of records can result in disqualification from the examination or termination of employment.

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Information**

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**Equal Employment Opportunity:** It is the policy of the County of Los Angeles to provide equal employment opportunity for all qualified persons, regardless of race, religion, sex, national origin, age, sexual orientation, or disability.

All positions are open to qualified men and women pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the California Fair Employment and Housing Act.

The County will make reasonable accommodations.

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**Job Type** Professional

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