



CALIFORNIA CORRECTIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES



LABORATORY ASSISTANT, CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

Exam Code: 1RC28

Department: California Correctional Health Care Services

Exam Type: Departmental, Open

Final Filing Date: Continuous

CLASSIFICATION DETAILS

Laboratory Assistant, Correctional Facility (9265) – \$3,188 - \$4,284 per month.

View the [Laboratory Assistant, Correctional Facility](#) classification specification.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Final Filing Date: Continuous

Cutoff Date: Online, 24/7

Who Should Apply:

Applicants who meet the minimum qualifications as stated on this bulletin may apply for and take this examination.

Once you have taken this examination, you may not retake it for **six (6) months**.

How To Apply:

The link to connect to the Training and Experience Evaluation is located farther down on this bulletin in the “Taking the Examination” section.

Special Testing Arrangements:

If you require special testing arrangements due to a verified disability or medical condition, please contact the department listed in the Contact Information section of this bulletin.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

All applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements as stated on this exam bulletin to be accepted into the examination. Part-time or full-time jobs, regardless of whether paid or volunteer positions, and inside or outside California state service will count toward experience.

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Either I

Six months of experience in laboratory work performing assigned, varied, standardized, and nontechnical laboratory procedures; collecting, processing, or preparing laboratory specimens, materials, and supplies; and operating specialized laboratory equipment.

Or II

Education: Equivalent to completion of the eighth grade.

Or III

Satisfactory completion of a formalized laboratory work experience and training program of at least three months' duration, such as those conducted under Manpower Development and Training Act, Work Incentive Program, or similar work experience programs conducted by State agencies.

Special Personal Characteristics: Empathetic understanding of patients of a State correctional facility; willingness to work in a State correctional facility; emotional stability; patience; alertness; keenness of observation; aptitude and a liking of laboratory work; orderliness; tact; reliability; color vision adequate to successfully perform the essential functions of the job.

Special Physical Characteristics: Persons appointed to this position must be reasonably expected to have and maintain sufficient strength, agility, and endurance to perform during stressful (physical, mental, and emotional) situations encountered on the job without compromising their health and well-being or that of their fellow employees or that of incarcerated patients.

Assignments may include sole responsibility for the supervision of incarcerated patients and/or the protection of personal and real property.

OUT OF CLASS EXPERIENCE: A completion of an "out-of-class (OOC) assignment memorandum", dated within one year of assignment completion, is required to use OOC experience to meet the minimum qualifications for examination purposes. Employees may obtain this documentation from their Classification and Pay Analyst or institutional Personnel Liaison. OOC experience without the required documentation cannot be considered for examination purposes.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Laboratory Assistant, Correctional Facility

A Laboratory Assistant, Correctional Facility, under direct supervision, performs assigned, varied, standardized, and nontechnical laboratory procedures; collects, processes, or prepares laboratory specimens, materials, and supplies; operates specialized laboratory equipment; maintains order and supervises the conduct of incarcerated patients; maintains the safety of persons and property; prevents escapes of and injury by these persons to themselves or others or to property; maintains security of working areas and work materials; inspects premises and searches incarcerated patients for contraband, such as weapons or illegal drugs; and does other related work.

Positions exist statewide.

EXAMINATION SCOPE

This examination consists of the following components:

Training and Experience Evaluation – Weighted 100% of the final score.

The examination will consist solely of a **Training and Experience Evaluation**. To obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum score of 70% must be received. Applicants will receive their score upon completion of the Training and Experience Evaluation process.

In addition to evaluating applicants' relative knowledge, skills, and ability, as demonstrated by quality and breadth of education and/or experience, emphasis in each examination component will be measuring competitively, relative to job demands, each applicant's:

Ability to:

1. Communicate effectively at a level required for successful job performance;
2. Clean and care for laboratory equipment;
3. Learn elementary laboratory methods and procedures;
4. Keep accurate records;
5. Follow directions;
6. Work efficiently and effectively in a group.

ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION

A departmental, open eligible list for the Laboratory Assistant, Correctional Facility classification will be established for:

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The names of **successful** competitors will be merged onto the eligible list in order of final score regardless of examination date. Eligibility expires **twelve (12) months** after it is established. Applicants must then retake the examination to reestablish eligibility.

Veterans' Preference will be granted for this examination. In accordance with Government Codes 18973.1 and 18973.5, whenever any veteran, or widow or widower of a veteran achieves a passing score on an open examination, he or she shall be ranked in the top rank of the resulting eligible list.

Veterans' status is verified by the California Department of Human Resources (CalHR). Information on this program and the [Veterans' Preference Application](#) (Std. Form 1093) is available online. Additional information on veteran benefits is available at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Career credits are not granted in examinations administered on an open basis.

EXAMINATION INFORMATION

[Preview the Training and Experience Evaluation](#)

PREPARING FOR THE EXAMINATION

Here is a list of suggested resources to have available prior to taking the examination.

In an effort to streamline the examination process, please create a [CalCareer Account](#) with CalHR. A CalCareer Account is a one stop shop for taking civil service examinations, applying for state jobs, and provides storage and organization for your documents and communications stemming from job opportunities, all in a paperless format. To sign up for a CalCareer Account, or log in to your existing account, [Click here](#).

Employment History: Employment dates, job titles, organization names and addresses, names of supervisors or persons who can verify your job responsibilities, and phone numbers of persons listed above.

Education: School names and addresses, degrees earned, dates attended, courses taken (verifiable on a transcript), persons or office who can verify education, and phone numbers of persons or offices listed above.

Training: Class titles, certifications received, names of persons who can verify your training, and phone numbers of persons listed above.

TAKING THE EXAMINATION

We recommend using Chrome or Edge for optimal performance when accessing the examination.

Take the examination for the [Laboratory Assistant, Correctional Facility](#) classification.

TESTING DEPARTMENTS

California Correctional Health Care Services

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any technical or administrative questions concerning this examination bulletin, including provision of reasonable accommodation for this testing process, please contact:

California Correctional Health Care Services

Attn: Examination Services

8280 Longleaf Drive

Elk Grove, CA 95758

Phone: (916) 691-5894

Email: CPHCSSelectionServices@cdcr.ca.gov

California Relay Service: 7-1-1 (TTY and voice)

TTY is a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf and is reachable only from phones equipped with a TTY Device.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

The State of California is an equal opportunity employer to all, regardless of age, ancestry, color, disability (mental and physical), exercising the right of 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.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) and California Correctional Health Care Services (CCHCS) are committed to building and fostering a diverse workplace. We believe cultural diversity, backgrounds, experiences, perspectives, and unique identities should be honored, valued, and supported. We believe all staff should be empowered. CDCR/CCHCS are proud to foster inclusion and representation at all levels of both Departments.

DRUG-FREE STATEMENT

It is an objective of the State of California to achieve a drug-free State workplace. 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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Examination and/or Employment Application (Std. Form 678) forms are available at CalHR, local offices of the Employment Development Department, and through your [CalCareer Account](#).

If you meet the requirements stated on this examination bulletin, you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirements does not assure a place on the eligible list. Your performance in the examination described in this bulletin will be rated against a predetermined job-related rating, and all applicants who pass will be ranked according to their score.

CCHCS 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 laws and rules and all applicants will be notified.

General Qualifications: Applicants must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgement, the 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. In open examinations, investigation may be made of employment records and personal history and fingerprinting may be required.

Eligible Lists: 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) servicewide promotional, 5) departmental open, 6) open. When there are two lists of the same kind, the older must be used first. Eligible lists will expire in one to four years unless otherwise stated on the bulletin.

High School Equivalence: Equivalence to completion of the 12th grade may be demonstrated in any one of the following ways: 1) passing the General Education Development (GED) Test; 2) completion of 12 semester units of college-level work; 3) certification from the State Department of Education, a local school board, or high school authorities that the competitor is considered to have education equivalent to graduation from high school; or 4) for clerical and accounting classes, substitution of business college work in place of high school on a year-for-year basis.

This bulletin cancels and supersedes all previously issued bulletins.