



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

CLASS: 2587
(1s1)

TITLE: HEALTH WORKER III
[ACTIVITIES THERAPIST]

SALARY: \$1,881 - \$2,287 Biweekly

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 26, 2009
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JOB DESCRIPTION:

The Department of Public Health's Mental Health Rehabilitation Center at **San Francisco Behavioral Health Center (SFBHC)** is accepting applications for **one (1) full-time** position in Class 2587 Health Worker III [ACTIVITIES THERAPIST] that will function as the *Activity Leader*. **SHIFT:** To be determined.

The SFBHC is a Mental Health Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Facility located on the campus of San Francisco General Hospital at 887 Potrero Avenue.

All City and County of San Francisco employees are designated Disaster Service Workers through state and local law (California Government Code Section 3100-3109). Employment with the City requires the affirmation of a loyalty oath to this effect. Employees are required to complete all Disaster Service Worker related training as assigned, and to return to work as ordered in the event of an emergency.

Appointment Type: Permanent and provisional applicants encouraged to apply. Non-permanent applicants must participate in a Civil Service Examination in order to become permanent in this job classification.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES:

Under the supervision of an Activity Director, the Activity Therapist performs the following essential job functions:

- Provides/leads planned group and individual activities for clients;
- Provides individual counseling;
- Participates as member of inter-disciplinary team;
- Facilitates linkages to community resources;
- Promotes/supports client's recovery from the effects of mental illness/substance use/medical disorders through application of psychiatric rehabilitation principles and technology;
- Participates/collaborates in the development and implementation of Individual Service Plans with professional staff;
- Maintains records and documentation;
- Communicates effectively with others and facilitates teamwork and team development;
- Performs other related duties as assigned/required.

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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Possession of a baccalaureate degree from an accredited university or college in therapeutic recreation, expressive arts therapies, social work, or a closely related field; **OR**
2. Possession of an associate degree from an accredited university or college; **AND**
- 3a. Three (3) years (equivalent to 6000 worked hours) of verifiable experience within the last five (5) years performing activity therapy in a health care, social or recreational program; **OR**
- 3b. One (1) year (equivalent to 2000 worked hours) of experience within the last five (5) years working as an Activity Therapist in a health care setting performing similar duties as described above; **AND**
4. Ability to transport residents in wheelchairs, push and pull carts weighing up to fifty (50) pounds and lift materials weighing up to twenty (20) pounds. (All applicants must self-certify these abilities by submitting a completed Ability and Willingness Checklist)

Verification/Waiver: Verification of qualifying experience, education, and/or training is required at the time of filing. Candidates unable to do so may submit a letter requesting a waiver of this requirement indicating the reason(s) a verification cannot be obtained. Failure to submit verification or request for waiver will result in application rejection.

DESIRED QUALIFICATION(S):

- Effective written and verbal communication skills.
- Bilingual skills – Spanish, Cantonese and/or other Asian languages preferred.
- Cultural competence.
- Working knowledge of psychiatric rehabilitation principles.
- PART or SMART training or equivalent.
- Ability to work cooperatively and communicate effectively as a team member in a culturally diverse setting.
- Knowledge of computers and technology.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Interested individuals must submit a resume and **City and County of San Francisco (CCSF) employment application** to **Linda Sims, Director of Nursing for the Mental Health Rehabilitation at San Francisco Behavioral Health Center, 887 Potrero Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94110, by November 26, 2009.** CCSF employment applications may be obtained from DPH Human Resources Services, 101 Grove Street, Room 210, SFGH Human Resource Services, 2789 – 25th Street, LHH Human Resource Services, 375 Laguna Honda Boulevard, or the website identified below. Applicants with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodation during the interview process may contact the person/department listed. **www.sfdph.org**

**PLEASE NOTE: APPLICANTS MEETING THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS
ARE NOT GUARANTEED AN INTERVIEW**

*The Department of Public Health is an Equal Opportunity Employer
Women, Minorities, and Persons with Disabilities are encouraged to apply*

ABILITY/WILLINGNESS CHECKLIST

This checklist will be used to assist in evaluating candidates' ability and willingness to meet a portion of the minimum qualifications and working conditions. This information will also be made available to departmental personnel and management staff to assist in their hiring decisions. **I understand that I must submit a signed, dated, and completed Abilities/Willingness Checklist with the application and other verification documents to be considered for this examination.** Yes No

Are you able to and willing to (you must check one box per question):

1. Transport residents in wheelchairs by pushing and pulling?
 Yes No
2. Push and pull carts weighing up to 50 pounds?
 Yes No
3. Lift materials up to 20 pounds?
 Yes No
4. Work evenings, nights, weekends, and holidays hours when necessary?
 Yes No
5. I further understand that I will be required to demonstrate the above-mentioned skills and abilities during the probationary period.
 Yes No

6. **CERTIFICATION:**

I hereby certify that I am the author of this survey and that all information is true. I understand that any false or incorrect statement may result in my disqualification from the 2587 Health Worker III – Activity Therapist Examination and/or dismissal from employment with the City and County of San Francisco. I also understand and agree that any information provided is subject to verification.

Yes No

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____