

Clinical Social Worker – Department of State Hospitals

Location: Multiple Locations Available

Salary: \$6,934 – \$9,773/month

Empower Change. Support Recovery. Join the Department of State Hospitals.

The Department of State Hospitals (DSH) is seeking passionate and dedicated Clinical Social Workers to fill multiple full-time, permanent positions across the state. If you're looking for a career that makes a lasting impact, this is your chance to help patients rebuild their lives while contributing to public health and safety in California.

Why Choose a Career with DSH?

At DSH, we believe in fostering a culture of support, collaboration, and professional growth. Here, your role goes beyond clinical care—you become part of a mission-driven team committed to transforming lives. We provide the training, tools, and supportive work environment you need to thrive.

Your Role as a Clinical Social Worker

As a key member of our interdisciplinary team, you will:

- Conduct Clinical Assessments to identify patient needs and develop personalized treatment plans.
- Deliver Therapy Services through both individual and group sessions tailored to each patient's mental health needs.
- Ensure Patient Safety by performing suicide risk assessments, crisis interventions, and behavioral observations.
- Coordinate Discharge Planning, connecting patients with community-based resources and support systems to ensure continuity of care.
- Support Facility Security by monitoring behavior, reporting concerns, and helping maintain a safe, therapeutic environment.
- Engage in Professional Development through training, research, and participation in team meetings and committees.

Qualifications

- License: Valid California Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) license.
Note: Candidates without current licensure may be appointed but must become licensed within the required timeframe.
- Education: Master's degree in Social Work from an accredited program recognized by the Council on Social Work Education.

Key Skills & Attributes

- Deep understanding of social work principles, particularly in mental health, developmental disabilities, and rehabilitation.
- Excellent communication, documentation, and analytical skills.
- Ability to collaborate with diverse individuals, families, and agencies.
- Physical and emotional resilience to manage crisis situations and perform duties in a secure clinical environment.

Drug Testing Requirement: Candidates must pass a drug screening as part of the hiring process.

Why Your Work Matters

As a Clinical Social Worker at DSH, you're not just providing care—you're helping patients find hope, healing, and a path forward. Your efforts will directly contribute to improving lives and strengthening communities throughout California.

Start Your Journey Today

Be part of a team that values compassion, clinical excellence, and the power of human connection. Join the Department of State Hospitals and help us build a better future—one patient at a time.

Learn About LEAP!

Are you a person with a disability seeking a career in state service? The **Limited Examination and Appointment Program (LEAP)** offers an alternative, merit-based path into civil service exclusively for individuals with disabilities.

LEAP Process Overview:

- Create a [CalCareers Account](#).
- Get LEAP certified through the [California Department of Rehabilitation](#).
- Take a LEAP MQ Assessment for the classification(s) you are interested in via the Exam Bulletins.
- Apply for vacant positions.
- Participate in an interview process and demonstrate that you are the most qualified person for the job.
- If selected, complete a Job Examination Period (JEP).
- Upon a successful completion of the JEP, you're hired!

Application Process:

To learn more and to apply, please visit:

<https://calcareers.ca.gov/CalHRPublic/Search/JobSearchResults.aspx#kw=clinical%20social%20worker&depid=190>