

Rehabilitation Therapists – Department of State Hospitals

Location: Multiple California Locations Available

Salary: Up to \$9,240/month

Transform Lives Through Creative and Compassionate Care

The Department of State Hospitals (DSH) is hiring Rehabilitation Therapists across multiple specialties: Art Therapy, Dance Therapy, Music Therapy, Recreational Therapy, and Occupational Therapy. This is your opportunity to join a mission-driven organization that values innovation, collaboration, and compassion in mental health rehabilitation.

Whether you're a recent graduate with the right credentials or an experienced therapist ready to take the next step, DSH offers a supportive, team-oriented environment where your work truly matters.

Why Work at DSH?

- **Meaningful Impact:** Help patients rebuild skills and prepare for community reintegration.
- **Collaborative Culture:** Be part of a multidisciplinary team that values your voice and expertise.
- **Career Growth:** Access continuing education and advancement opportunities.
- **Robust Benefits:** Enjoy a full benefits package including retirement, health, dental, and vision plans.

Your Role as a Rehabilitation Therapist

Under the clinical supervision of a Supervising Rehabilitation Therapist, you'll:

- Conduct and document Rehabilitation Therapy Assessments.
- Participate in interdisciplinary Treatment Plan meetings.
- Plan and lead group therapy sessions to build physical, emotional, and social skills.
- Track and report on patient progress toward therapeutic and rehabilitation goals.

Minimum Qualifications

General Requirements for All Specialties:

- Completion of an approved clinical internship in your specialty,
OR
- Two years of full-time, paid experience in a clinical, residential, or community setting after obtaining your qualifying degree.

Specialty-Specific Requirements:

- **Art Therapy:** Master's in Art Therapy or Art with emphasis in Art Therapy; or eligibility with the American Art Therapy Association.
- **Dance Therapy:** Master's in Dance Therapy; or eligibility with the American Dance Therapy Association.
- **Music Therapy:** Degree in Music Therapy; or eligibility with the American Music Therapy Association.
- **Occupational Therapy:** Degree in Occupational Therapy; or certification (or eligibility) as a Registered Occupational Therapist.
- **Recreational Therapy:** Degree in Therapeutic Recreation; or certification (or eligibility) with a recognized therapeutic recreation organization.

Key Competencies

- Deep understanding of rehabilitation services for mentally, developmentally, or physically disordered individuals.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills.
- Emotional resilience and the physical ability to perform therapeutic duties in dynamic environments.

Note: Drug screening is required unless already in a designated sensitive classification.

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=rehabilitation%20therapist&depid=190>