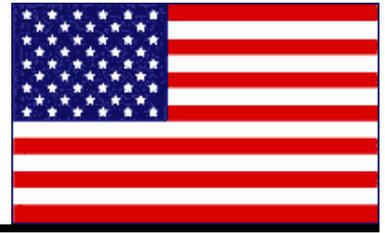




PORTLAND VA MEDICAL CENTER

Portland, Oregon Division
 Vancouver, Washington Division
 Community Based Outpatient Clinics
 Salem, OR Bend, OR
 Camp Rilea (Warrenton, OR)



NOTICE OF VACANCY

1. <u>Announcement Number</u> T-08-503-SJ	2. <u>Title, Series, Grade, Salary</u> Accountant (081400) GS-510-9 \$47,245 to \$61,423 per annum (Based on full-time employment)	3. <u>Tour of Duty</u> Days M-F	4. <u>Duty Station</u> Research & Development, Portland Division
5. <u>Type & Number of Vacancies</u> Temporary, NTE 1 year & 1day 1 Full-time position	6. <u>Contact</u> Human Resources Assistant 503-273-5236	7. <u>Opening Date</u> 6/30/08	8. <u>Closing Date</u> Until Filled 1st consideration date 7/7/08

WHO MAY APPLY TO THIS ANNOUNCEMENT:

- Any US Citizen

MAJOR DUTIES:

The purpose of this position is to ensure accurate reporting of all accounting, budget, and grant administration data, and to provide for accurate and efficient use of allocated funds for the Research and Development Service. This includes extensive grant funding related financial reporting, reconciliation and analysis. This includes the need to plan and execute central site, internal and external sub ledger, and database reconciliation process and reports as well as implement accounting system modifications and revisions in the functional areas of managerial and operational accounting.

THIS POSITION IS IN THE BARGAINING UNIT

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Eligibility: U.S. Office of Personnel Management Qualification Standards Handbook for GS-510 series applies and may be reviewed in the Human Resources Management Service office.

Basic Requirement: Degree in accounting; or a degree in a related field such as business administration, finance, or public administration that included or was supplemented by 24 semester hours in accounting **OR** a combination of education and experience of at least 4 years of experience in accounting, or equivalent combination of accounting experience, college-level education, and training that provided professional accounting knowledge. The applicant's background must also include one of the following:

- Twenty four semester hours in accounting or auditing courses of appropriate type and quality.
- A certificate as Certified Public Accountant or a Certified Internal Auditor

Completion of the requirements for a degree that included substantial course work in accounting or auditing, e.g. 15 semester hours, but does not fully satisfy the 24-semester-hour requirement, provided the applicant has worked at the full-performance level in accounting, auditing, or a related field.

Specialized Experience: One (1) year that equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSA'S) to perform successfully the duties of the position to be filled. To be creditable, specialized experience must have been equivalent to at least the next lower grade level.

Substitution of Education for Experience: 2 years of progressively higher level graduate education leading to a master's degree *or* master's or equivalent graduate degree. **If using education as a substitute for experience, please submit a copy of your college transcripts with application packet.**

BASIS OF RATING: (Knowledge, Skills, Abilities (KSAs))

On a separate sheet of paper, provide a written, detailed response to each of the KSAs. Failure to respond to rating factors will result in applicant not being referred for the position:

1. Please describe your educational background and how it has prepared you for this position.
2. Describe your interest and/or experience in working in any or all of the accounting areas of accounts payable, timekeeping or payroll, general ledger or subsidiary ledger reporting, budget monitoring, accounts receivable, and purchase order processing.
3. Describe your experience in working in an accounting or support services environment dedicated to customer service and accurate financial information.
4. Knowledge and experience using automated central site integrated accounting and budget financial management systems.
5. Skill, ability or experience in the areas of: accounts payable, accounts receivable, budget monitoring, purchase order processing, payroll, financial reporting and reconciling.

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CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

Applicants without prior federal service will be appointed at step one of the grade.

Although the duty station is shown in this announcement, it may be necessary to utilize the selected person's services at a different location within the Portland VA Medical Center commuting area if conditions require it in the future

Under Executive Order 11935, only United States citizens and nationals (residents of American Samoa and Swains Island) may compete for civil service jobs. Agencies are permitted to hire noncitizens only in very limited circumstances where there are no qualified citizens available for the position.

If you are a male born after December 31, 1959, and are at least 18 years of age, civil service employment law (5 U.S.C. 3328) requires that you must register with the Selective Service System, unless you meet certain exemptions.

A security clearance and a favorable suitability determination are required. Misconduct in prior employment, criminal, dishonest or disgraceful conduct, habitual use of intoxicating beverages, abuse of narcotics, drugs or other controlled substances, or reasonable doubt of loyalty to the United States are examples of reasons an offer of employment may be denied.

Public transit subsidy benefits are available. Carpooling assistance is provided. However, single occupancy parking is limited on main Portland campus.

This agency provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the agency. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be on a case-by-case basis

The United States Government does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, age, membership in an employee organization, or other non-merit factor.

It is the policy of the Department of Veterans Affairs that all Federal wage and salary payments are paid to employees by Direct Deposit/Electronic Funds Transfer (DD/EFT).

HOW TO APPLY:

US Citizens must submit:

1. [OF 612, Optional Application for Federal Employment](#) (attach additional sheets of paper if needed for additional job experience (in same format as application)), or Resume. (Please refer to [OF-510, Applying for a Federal Job](#) on the USA jobs website (<http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/>) for information on how to apply with a resume instead of OF-612)
2. [OF-306, Declaration for Federal Employment](#) (January 2001 version or later).
3. Veterans Preference:
 - a. DD-214, Military Discharge Paper (member copy #4 for July 1979 or later editions) (For 5 Point Veteran's Preference).
 - b. [SF-15, Application for 10-point Veteran Preference](#) (December 2004 version or later)
 - c. VA letter of service-connected disability rating dated 1991 or later.
4. SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action (if applying as a current or former federal employee).
5. Narrative statement relating to all of the KSAs. Candidates **must** submit a narrative statement on a separate page(s) with specific responses to all of the knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSAs) in this announcement. Failure to submit your narrative response to all of the KSAs will result in the applicant not being referred for the position.
6. A copy of your college transcripts (Optional unless education is required).

All application packets must be received in Human Resources by Close of Business (COB) on 7/7/08 for 1st

consideration. This position is open until filled. Application forms may be obtained in Human Resources Office or on our external website <http://www.visn20.med.va.gov/Portland/mc/hr>

Applications may be mailed to:
Portland VA Medical Center, P4HRMS
Attn: T-08-503-SJ
PO Box 1034
Portland, OR 97207

Or brought in person to:
Portland VA Medical Center
3710 SW US Veterans Hospital Rd
Building 16, Room 300
Portland OR 97239

APPLICANT'S PLEASE NOTE:

- Education must be accredited by an accrediting institution recognized by the U.S. Department of Education in order for it to be credited towards qualifications (particularly positions with a positive education requirement.). Therefore, applicants must report only attendance and/or degrees from schools accredited by accrediting institutions recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.
- Applicants can verify accreditation at the following website: <http://www.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred/index.html>. All education claimed by applicants will be verified by the appointing agency accordingly.

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITY:

- It is the applicant's responsibility to submit documentation to support his/her application for this position. Applicant is responsible for ensuring that all experience, formal training, award recognition, etc. are documented in the application package. Experience may include voluntary or other non-paid experience in the appropriate field. If you feel that your training record contains information pertinent to your qualifications, then you must submit a printed copy of your training record with your application package. Your training record will become part of the specific vacancy file and will not be filed in Official Personnel Folder. Human Resources Management Division will not photocopy any application material; applicants are responsible for making photocopies prior to submitting applications.
- **It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure timely receipt of the application, regardless of the method used for submission. The VA assumes no responsibility for the late delivery of applications (i.e. postal service delays). The Portland VA Medical Center will not accept FAX, or emailed applications or applications in a US government envelope.**