



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. Announcement Number T38-09-0234-SL	2. Title, Series, Grade, Salary Health Technician Aid (07058A) GS-0640-2 \$23,608 to \$29,706 per annum (Based on full-time employment)	3. Tour of Duty Dayshift M-F	4. Duty Station National Center for Rehabilitative Auditory Research (NCRAR), Portland Division
5. Type & Number of Vacancies Temporary, NTE 1 Year & 1 Day 1 Full-time position	6. Contact Human Resources Assistant 503-273-5236	7. Opening Date 07/13/09	8. Closing Date 07/17/09

WHO MAY APPLY TO THIS ANNOUNCEMENT:

- Any US Citizen

MAJOR DUTIES:

This position is located in the Veteran Affairs National Center for Rehabilitative Auditory Research (NCRAR), a Rehabilitation Research & Development Center of Excellence located at the VA Medical Center, Portland, Oregon. The purpose of the position is to gain experience in the practice of rehabilitation research and clinical procedures as part of the completion of an Au.D. degree (professional doctorate in the discipline of Audiology). This individual is responsible to the NCRAR Deputy Director of Education, Training 7 Outreach, Operationally through one or more NCRAR Principle Investigators the incumbent may be assigned to work with on various approved research projects.

The individual will rotate between several different research studies and be closely supervised by the study investigators and study research staff over their six month to one year employment. While associated with each study the individual will:

- (1) Learn about and put into practice the human research protection program to ensure human subjects' protections as mandated by HIPAA and the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Research and Development.
- (2) Conduct clinical assessments, including pure tone audiometry, tympanometry, and speech testing of individuals participating in research studies under the supervision of a clinical audiologist.
- (3) Conduct research-based protocols, which may include electrophysiological assessments, otoacoustic emission protocols, sound localization testing, and neuropsychological assessments, under the close supervision of the study investigator, and other research staff.
- (4) Recruit and schedule study participants.
- (5) Enter data into secure databases and required by the study investigator.
- (6) Perform other related duties as assigned.

THIS POSITION IS IN THE BARGAINING UNIT

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Eligibility: U.S. Office of Personnel Management Qualification Standards Handbook for GS-640, Health Technician Aid series applies and may be reviewed in the Human Resources Management Service office.

General Experience: Three months General Experience. (1) Any type of work that demonstrates the applicant's ability to perform the work of the position, or (2) experience that provided a familiarity with the subject matter or processes of the broad subject area of the occupation.

Substitution of Education for Experience: High school graduation or the equivalent is qualifying for GS-2.

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 may result in your application receiving a less than desirable rating:

1. Describe and rate your knowledge of psychophysics and the interactions between aging and voice-pitch processing in cochlear implant patients.
2. Describe and rate your knowledge, skills and abilities in using multi-channel loudness estimations and quantifying complex spectro-temporal processing in adult cochlear implant users.
3. Describe and rate your knowledge in the area of auditory phenotypes associated with various disease states and disorders.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

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- 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 non citizens only in very limited circumstances where there are no qualified citizens available for the position.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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
- All qualified applicants will receive equal consideration without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, sex, politics, marital status, non-disqualifying physical or mental handicap, age or membership or non-membership in a labor organization.
- 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).
- A drug test may be required for an applicant who is tentatively selected.
- A pre-employment physical examination will be required for an applicant who is tentatively selected.

HOW TO APPLY:

All application packets must be received in Human Resources by Close of Business (COB) on 07/17/09. 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: T38-09-0234-SL
 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

US Citizens must submit:

1. [OF 612, Optional Application for Federal Employment](#), 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). **(REQUIRED)**.
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).

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/admns/finaid/accred/index.html>. All education claimed by applicants will be verified by the appointing agency accordingly.
- Foreign Education: To receive credit for education completed outside the United States, you must show proof that the education has been submitted to a private organization that specializes in the interpretation of foreign educational credentials and such education has been deemed at least equivalent to that gained in conventional U.S. education programs.

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.**