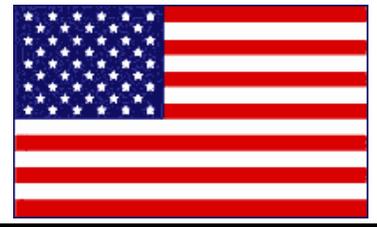




# PORTLAND VA MEDICAL CENTER

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



## **NOTICE OF VACANCY**

<b>1. <u>Announcement Number</u></b>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>T38-09-0023-DG</b></p>	<b>2. <u>Title, Series, Grade, Salary</u></b>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Medical Instrument Technician (Polysomnography) (FS) GS-649-8</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Competitive salary commensurate with education and experience as determined by Professional Standards Board</p>	<b>3. <u>Tour of Duty</u></b>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Nights 7:30pm to 7:30am</b></p>	<b>4. <u>Duty Station</u></b>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hospital &amp; Specialty Care Division, Portland Division</b></p>
<b>5. <u>Type &amp; Number of Vacancies</u></b>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Permanent 1 Full-time position</b></p>	<b>6. <u>Contact</u></b>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Human Resources Assistant 503-273-5236</b></p>	<b>7. <u>Opening Date</u></b>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>11/08/08</b></p>	<b>8. <u>Closing Date</u></b>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>11/22/08</b></p>

**WHO MAY APPLY TO THIS ANNOUNCEMENT:**

- Career or career conditional employees and permanent Title 38 employees of the Portland VA Medical Center eligible under the interchange Agreement. Included are permanent employees of the Willamette National Cemetery, Regional Office, Veterans Outreach Center and Veteran's Canteen.

**MAJOR DUTIES:**

The incumbent will be located in building 100, at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Portland Division. The incumbent's duties include, but are not limited to; prepares, calibrates, interfaces, and operates all equipment used in polysomnographic procedures. The equipment will include 32 channel polysomnographs with both AC and DC amp1ifiers; computerized non-invasive monitoring system for multiple simultaneous physiological measurements of sleep and respiratory parameters; computerized non-invasive scoring system for analysis of sleep and respiratory parameters, non-invasive respiratory induction plethysmograph to measure rib cage and abdomen compartmental volume excursions; pulse oximeters and respective strip chart recorders; analyzers for oxygen saturation and carbon dioxide levels; continuous positive airway pressure system: air and oxygen flow meters; vacuum pumps; rigidity meter and mercury strain gauge; video tape recorder, monitors, sequential switcher and zoom lens controller; esophageal influx meter and probe; advanced high performance microprocessor and peripheral hardware; and, other specialized equipment required to provide diagnosis of sleep disorders. Applies advanced ventilator techniques such as continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP).

**THIS POSITION IS IN THE BARGAINING UNIT**

**QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

**Eligibility:** Department of Veterans Affairs Qualifications Standards (VA Handbook 5005, Part II, Appendix G27) for GS-649 series applies and may be reviewed in the Human Resources Management Service Office.

**Specialized Experience:** At least one (1) year of experience comparable to the next lower grade level (GS-7) which demonstrates the knowledge, skills, abilities, and other characteristics related to the duties of the positions to be filled. This would be experience which provided the individual with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to independently conduct difficult but standardized polysomnography examinations. In addition, the candidate must demonstrate the following KSAs:

**Certification:** Basic Cardiac Life Support (BCLS) certification is desirable.

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

***Applicants must demonstrate through their experience or education that they possess the following published KSAs (from VA Handbook 5005) for the grade at which they wish to apply (and grades below that grade if applicable). In order to determine if applicants meet the qualification requirements for this occupation, applicants are encouraged to ensure that their work experience and/or education included in their application clearly demonstrates possession of the knowledge, skills, and abilities required to successfully perform the duties of the position.***

1. Knowledge of CPAP function and operation to select and fit appropriate PAP patient interface devices.
2. Ability to independently titrate and document PAP level to achieve therapeutic goals.
3. Knowledge of indications, complications, and contraindications of CPAP therapy.
4. Knowledge of BiLevel pressure titrations.
5. Ability to recognize changes seen during the PSG tracing and identify all stages of sleep. This includes the ability to score and analyze sleep stages in clinical polysomnography recordings.

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## **CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:**

- This is an Excepted Appointment. Excepted service positions have been excepted from the requirements of the competitive service by law, Executive Order, or by OPM regulation (5 USC 2103 and 5 CFR part 213). Public law No. 108-170 converts this occupational series from the competitive civil service to the Hybrid Title 38 employment system.
- 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.
- All information submitted to this VA Medical Center is subject to verification by VetPro.
- 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.
- Applicants selected for this position may be appointed to a temporary appointment, NTE 13 months, pending completion of boarding process.
- 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.
- Applicants appointed to direct patient care positions must be proficient in spoken and written English as required by 38USC 7402(d) and 7407(d).
- [VACareers](#) has descriptions of all Title 38 Jobs and their benefits.
- 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:**

### **Portland VAMC Permanent Employees must submit:**

1. [VAF 4078, Application for Promotion or Reassignment](#)
2. MPQ – Merit Promotion Questionnaire is optional but recommended if you have qualifications pertaining to the position applied for but are not in your OPF.

### **All application packets must be received in Human Resources by Close of Business (COB) on 11/22/08.**

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: T38-09-0023-DG**

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/admns/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.**