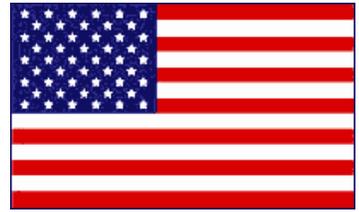




# PORTLAND VA MEDICAL CENTER

*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>T38-09-0052-JB</b></p>	<b>2. <u>Title, Series, Grade, Salary</u></b>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Optometrist F5 AD/VP-662-11/12/13/14/15 \$57,161 to \$147,225 per annum, dependent upon qualifications and experience. (Based on full-time employment)</b></p>	<b>3. <u>Tour of Duty</u></b>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Days M-F, may include Saturdays</b></p>	<b>4. <u>Duty Station</u></b>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Eye Program, Operative Care Division, Portland Division</b></p>
<b>5. <u>Type &amp; Number of Vacancies</u></b>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Permanent 2 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>12/31/08</b></p>	<b>8. <u>Closing Date</u></b>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>01/21/09</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.
- Any US Citizen

**MAJOR DUTIES:**

The incumbent will examine, diagnose, treat, and manage diseases and disorders of the visual system, the eye and associated structures, as well as diagnosis related systemic conditions. Credentialed and clinically privileged optometrists are responsible for the care of all patients examined by optometric trainees. The staff optometrist will comply with the requirements for resident supervision as outlined in the Veterans Health Administration Manual M-2, Part I, Chapter 26. Close supervision is required for fourth professional year students participating in clinical rotations at the Portland VA Medical Center (PVAMC) from affiliated schools and college of optometry. The optometry staff or residents must have direct contact with each patient evaluated by these trainees. The staff optometrist's clinic work site will be Portland, but may work in Vancouver or Hillsboro CBOC. Bedside consultations for inpatients will be provided on an as needed basis. Candidates who have completed residency training and/or have prior experience as staff optometrists within the Department of Veterans Affairs will be given highest consideration for appointment as staff optometrist at PVAMC. Prior experience as a clinical educator is also highly desirable. Incumbent is accountable to the Chief of the Optometry Section as well as patients, customers, and team members in the care of the veteran.

**THIS POSITION IS IN THE BARGAINING UNIT**

**QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

**Eligibility:** VA Handbook 5005, Pt II, Appendix G5 for VP-662 series applies and may be reviewed in the Human Resources Management Service office.

**Basic Requirements:**

- Must be a citizen of the United States.
- Must have a degree of doctor of optometry resulting from a course of education in optometry. The degree must have been obtained from one of the schools or colleges approved by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for the year in which the course of study was completed.
- Must be licensed to practice optometry in a State, Territory, or Commonwealth of the United States, or in the District of Columbia. Optometrists are required to possess full and unrestricted licensure and to maintain a current registration in their State of licensure if this is a requirement of the particular State.

**CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:**

- 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.
- This is a developmental position. If selected below the target level, employee may be promoted without further competition upon satisfactory completion of qualification and eligibility requirements.
- 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

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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.
- Eligible employees may be non-competitively reassigned to fill this position as an exception to merit promotion.
- 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 38 USC 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 a

1. [VAF 4078, Application for Promotion or Reassignment](#)

**Other VA Permanent Employees** must submit

1. [VA Form 10-2850 Application For Physicians, Dentists, Podiatrists, and Optometrists](#)
2. Curriculum vita should be enclosed as additional information
3. [OF-306, Declaration for Federal Employment](#) (January 2001 version or later).
4. Latest SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action
5. Copies of all current licenses
6. Latest performance appraisal

**Non VA Applicants** must submit:

1. [VA Form 10-2850 Application For Physicians, Dentists, Podiatrists, and Optometrists](#)
2. Curriculum vita should be enclosed as additional information
3. [OF-306, Declaration for Federal Employment](#) (January 2001 version or later).
4. 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.
5. SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action (if applying as a current or former federal employee).
6. Copies of all current licenses.
7. A copy of your college transcripts (Optional unless education is required).

**All application packets must be received in Human Resources by Close of Business on 01/21/09.** 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: T38-09-0052-JB**  
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.**