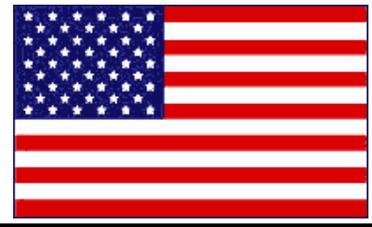




# PORTLAND VA MEDICAL CENTER

*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>T38-09-0084-SJ</b></p>	<b>*2. <u>Title, Series, Grade, Salary</u></b>  <p style="text-align: center;"> <b>Speech-Language Pathologist</b>  <b>FS</b>  <b>GS-0665</b>            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>Days</b>  <b>M-F</b> </p>	<b>4. <u>Duty Station</u></b>  <p style="text-align: center;"> <b>Audiology &amp; Speech Language Pathology Service,</b>  <b>Portland Division</b> </p>
<b>5. <u>Type &amp; Number of Vacancies</u></b>  <p style="text-align: center;"> <b>Permanent</b>  <b>1 Part-time position</b>            *(40 hours per pay period)         </p>	<b>6. <u>Contact</u></b>  <p style="text-align: center;"> <b>Mark Northway</b>  <b>503-273-5236</b> </p>	<b>7. <u>Opening Date</u></b>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>02/04/09</b></p>	<b>8. <u>Closing Date</u></b>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>08/14/09</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

**First consideration date is 2/18/09.** Thereafter the following interval dates will be used for further consideration prior to the closing date:

3/4/09, 3/18/09, 4/1/09, 4/15/09, 4/29/09, 5/13/09, 6/27/09, 7/17/09, and 7/31/09

Applications received by 2/18/09 will be considered first. If the vacancy has been filled prior to the closing date of 8/4/09, the announcement will be canceled.

**MAJOR DUTIES:**

The incumbent is responsible for independent diagnostic assessment and evaluation of cases that are referred for Speech Pathology Services without limitation as to difficulty or complexity. The incumbent will be responsible to conduct interviews with the patients and appropriate family members and/or friends, selects, administers and interprets the diagnostic test necessary to detect and evaluate any type of speech, language, voice and/or swallowing disorders. Is responsible for the adequacy of assessment and for the reporting of the findings to other professional workers with whom he/she or other member of the speech pathology section may cooperate in formulating diagnostic and remedial judgments. Assesses patient condition from close observation and consultation with other members of the patient treatment team. Develops plans for a course of therapy to resolve or minimize speech-related communication conditions that present serious problems to social contacts, educational development or employment opportunities. Is responsible for the administration of tests of voice and speech Establishes and maintains an effective therapy relationship with the patient, family and caregivers. Adjusts treatment plan to patient response and indicators of progress.

**THIS POSITION IS IN THE BARGAINING UNIT**

**QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

**Eligibility:** Department of Veterans Affairs Qualifications Standards (VA Handbook 5005, Part II, Appendix G30) for GS-665 series applies and may be reviewed in the Human Resources Management Service Office.

**Basic Requirements:**

- a. **Citizenship.** Citizen of the United States. (Non-citizens may be appointed when it is not possible to recruit qualified candidates in accordance with chapter 3, section A, paragraph 3g, this part.)
- b. **Education.** A master’s degree or its equivalent in speech-language pathology, communication disorders, or a directly related field from an accredited college or university. “Accredited” means a college or university accredited by a regional accreditation organization and a speech-language pathology academic program accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA).

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- c. **Licensure.** For those grades that require licensure (GS-12 and above), within 2 years of initial appointment under this standard the incumbent must hold a full, current, and unrestricted license in a State, Territory, Commonwealth, or the District of Columbia. A staff S-LP who fails to obtain licensure within 2 years of initial appointment under this standard will be terminated.

**NOTE:** The S-LP must maintain full, current, and unrestricted licensure/registration.

- d. **Loss of Credential.** An employee in this occupation who fails to obtain licensure/certification/registration within the required time frame, or who fails to maintain the required licensure/certification/registration must be removed from the occupation, which may also result in termination of employment.

**Education and Experience:**

**GS-9:** None beyond Basic Requirements.

**GS-11:** Completion of 1 year of professional experience as an S-LP equivalent to the next lower level, 3 years of progressively higher level graduate education leading to a doctoral degree, or doctoral degree in speech-language pathology, communication disorders, or a directly related field. In addition, the candidate must demonstrate the following KSAs listed below.

**GS-12:** In addition to the requirements at the GS-11 level, completion of 1 year of professional experience comparable to the next lower level and possession of a full, current, and unrestricted license to practice speech-language pathology. In addition, the candidate must demonstrate the following KSAs listed below.

**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:***

**GS-9: None**

**GS-11:**

1. Knowledge of principles and techniques used in speech pathology;
2. Ability to evaluate and interpret data;
3. Ability to communicate information effectively to patients and significant others;
4. Ability to communicate effectively verbally and in writing;
5. Ability to function as a constructive member of a team;
6. Knowledge of principles and techniques in diagnosis and treatment of dysphagia;
7. Knowledge of, and ability to develop and implement, comprehensive treatment plans.

**GS-12:**

1. Ability to develop coherent treatment strategies;
2. Ability to incorporate new clinical procedures sufficient to perform clinical services independently;
3. Ability to conduct assessments, provide treatment interventions, and provide consultation to other health care professionals;
4. Knowledge of instrumentation used in speech-language pathology;
5. Knowledge of principles and techniques used in alternative and augmentative communication (AAC) systems, diagnosis and treatment of dysphagia, and cognitive-communication disorders;
6. Knowledge of principles and techniques used in voice disorders including alaryngeal and trach/ventilator-dependent patients; and
7. Ability to perform functions associated with contemporary speech-language pathology practice.

**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.

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.

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.

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 facility campuses.

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

Applicants selected for this position may be appointed to a temporary appointment, NTE 13 months, pending completion of boarding process.

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.

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:**

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

### **Other VA Permanent Employees must submit:**

1. [VA Form 10-2850c, Application for Associated Health Occupations](#)
2. Resume or CV
3. [OF-306, Declaration for Federal Employment](#)
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 10-2850c, Application for Associated Health Occupations](#)
2. Resume or CV
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, registrations, or certifications (applicable to job).
7. **A copy of your college transcripts**

**All application packets must be received in Human Resources by Close of Business (COB) on 02/18/09 for first consideration and then every two weeks thereafter as noted on the first page.** 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: T38-09-0084-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.
- 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.**