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	2. Title, Series, Grade, Salary	3. Tour of Duty	4. Duty Station
T38-09-0240-JB	**Occupational Therapist FS GS-631-11 $59,309 to $77,097 per annum (Based on full-time employment)**	**Days M-F**	**Home & Community Based Services, Newport & Salem, Oregon**
5. Type & Number of Vacancies	**6. Contact**	**7. Opening Date**	**8. Closing Date**
Permanent 1 Full-time position	**Human Resources Assistant 503-273-5236**	**7/27/2009**	**8/17/2009**

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 individual in this assignment spends the majority of his/her time working as an Occupational Therapist providing therapy in the homes of Home Based Primary Care patients. Independently solves complex problems related to Occupational Therapy, and adapts and modifies treatment plans, activities, and procedures to meet the needs of patients with complex disorders. Attends interdisciplinary team conferences and collaborates with HBPC team in developing appropriate care plans for HBPC patients. Serves as subject matter expert in the specialty area as a consultant to Rehab and Long Term Care and Home Based Primary Care staff in evaluating and treating patients in the specialty area. Serves as a mentor to other therapists evaluating and treating patients in the specialty or program area. Provides in-service and clinical training programs in specialty or program area.

THIS POSITION IS IN THE BARGAINING UNIT

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Eligibility: Department of Veterans Affairs Qualifications Standards (VA Handbook 5005, Part II, Appendix G14) for GS-631 series applies and may be reviewed in the Human Resources Management Service Office.

Basic Requirements :

Citizenship: Citizen of the United States.

Education:

- **Degree or Certificate.** Graduation from a baccalaureate degree program in occupational therapy or a post-baccalaureate certificate program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education. Verification of recognized degree and certificate programs may be obtained from the Occupational Therapy Association website.
- **Foreign Graduates.** Graduates of foreign occupational therapy training programs also meet the education requirement if they have graduated from a degree or equivalent program recognized by the AOTA. For information about verification of recognized programs see paragraph above.

Certification:

- Possession of written documentation that the individual has passed the Certification Examination for Occupational Therapists Registered OTR, which is administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy.
- Appointing officials may approve the appointment of candidates who have ever had their certification revoked, suspended, denied, restricted, limited, or issued/placed in a probationary status provided they currently have full and unrestricted certification.

Specialized Experience:

GS-11: Requires the equivalent of 1 year of experience at the next lower grade level which demonstrates knowledges, skills, abilities and other characteristics that are directly related to the duties of the position to be filled. Individuals in this assignment spend a majority of their time working in a specialty or special program area. This includes:

- Independently solving complex problems related to occupational therapy, adapting and modifying treatment plans, activities, and procedures to meet the needs of patients with complex disabilities.
- Serving as a subject matter expert in the specialty or program area and as a consultant to occupational therapy staff

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and other facility staff in evaluating and treating patients in the specialty area.

- Serving as a mentor to other therapists evaluating and treating patients in the specialty or program area
- Providing in-service and clinical training in the specialty or program area.
- Teaching at the affiliated college or university in the specialty or program area

Substitution of Education for Experience: GS-11 - 3 years of progressively higher level graduate education leading to a Ph.D. degree *or* Ph.D. or equivalent doctoral degree

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 main Portland campus.

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.

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 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

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 (Optional unless education is required).

All application packets must be received in Human Resources by Close of Business (COB) on 8/17/2009.
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: T38-09-0240-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.
- 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.**