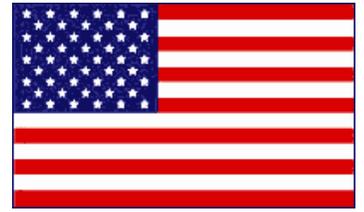




PORTLAND VA MEDICAL CENTER

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



NOTICE OF VACANCY

1. <u>Announcement Number</u> T38-10-0057-SJ	2. <u>Title, Series, Grade, Salary</u> Registered Nurse (Clinical Nurse Specialist/ Infections Control) FS AD-610 Competitive salary commensurate with education and experience as determined by Nursing Professional Standards Board	3. <u>Tour of Duty</u> Days M-F	4. <u>Duty Station</u> Hospital & Specialty Care Division, Portland Division
5. <u>Type & Number of Vacancies</u> Temporary 1 Full-time position (NTE 1 year & day) *This position may be converted to permanent later without re-announcing the position and without further competition	6. <u>Contact</u> Human Resources Assistant 503-273-5236	7. <u>Opening Date</u> 12/7/2009	8. <u>Closing Date</u> 12/21/2009

WHO MAY APPLY TO THIS ANNOUNCEMENT:

- Any US Citizen

MAJOR DUTIES:

The Infection Control Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) practices in an advanced nursing role within an expanded scope of practice that is population-based. This CNS role is administratively located within Hospital and Specialty Care Division in Portland. The Infection Control CNS, in collaboration with the Hospital Epidemiologist, plans, coordinates, implements and evaluates the Infection Control Program in all services and departments on all campuses of the Medical Center. The CNS is accountable to systematically evaluate the quality and effectiveness of the Infection Control Program specific to the practice setting. Existing standards and guidelines of applicable professional organizations, regulatory and governmental agencies are incorporated into design of the program. Relevant public health issues are integrated into practice, specialized care and consultation to individuals and populations on risk assessment, infection prevention and control strategies, and quality improvement activities that are effective and specific to the practice setting, the population served, and the continuum of care is provided. Activities include: the systematic collection and analysis of infection data using epidemiological principles and statistical methods to identify trends and risk factors and design, implementation, and evaluation of infection prevention and control strategies. The Infection Control CNS serves as an educational resource for all employees on infection prevention and control and epidemiology, providing expert knowledge and guidance. Responsible for the development and revision of policies and procedures, investigation of suspected outbreaks of infection, collaboration with public health agencies and interdisciplinary team members in providing specialized care to patients. The Infection Control CNS incorporates the principles of fiscal responsibility into practice, initiates and participates in research activities, and serves on various Medical Center committees, and promotes the standards of advanced nursing practice.

THIS POSITION IS IN THE BARGAINING UNIT

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Eligibility: Department of Veterans Affairs Qualifications Standards (VA Handbook 5005, Part II, Appendix G6) for AD/VN-610 series applies and may be reviewed in the Human Resources Management Service Office.

- Citizen of United States
- Graduate of a school of professional nursing approved by the appropriate State agency and accredited by one of the following accrediting bodies at the time the program was completed by the applicant: The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) or The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).
- In cases of graduates of foreign schools of professional nursing, possession of current, full, active, and unrestricted registration and the possession of a Certificate from the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) will meet the requirement of graduation from an approved school of professional nursing.
- Current, full, active and unrestricted registration as a graduate professional nurse in a State, Territory, or Commonwealth (i.e., Puerto Rico) of the U.S. or in the District of Columbia. The RN must maintain a current, full

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active and unrestricted registration to continue employment with the VA.

- For Nurse III, the applicant will have a Master's degree in nursing or related field with a BSN and 2-3 years of nursing experience OR a Doctoral degree in nursing or related field and 2-3 years of nursing experience.
- Completion of a graduate nursing program at the Master's Degree level, and Oregon license with state certification as a Clinical Nurse Specialist. In addition, national certification in specialty area is preferred, however when the state license includes prescriptive authority, national certification in specialty area is required for prescriptive privileges.

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.

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.

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:

US Citizens must submit:

1. [VA Form 10-2850a, Application for Nurse and Nurse Anesthetists](#)
2. [OF-306, Declaration for Federal Employment](#) (January 2001 version or later).
3. Veterans Preference:
 - a. DD-214, Military Discharge Paper (copy must display the required data which includes awards/medals/badges, dates and character of service) (For 5 Point Veteran's Preference).
 - b. [SF-15, Application for 10-point Veteran Preference](#) (December 2004 version or later)
 - c. VA letter or DOD documentation 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. Copies of all current licenses.
6. 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 12/21/2009.

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: T38-10-0057-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.**