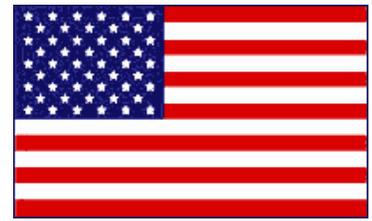




PORTLAND VA MEDICAL CENTER

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



NOTICE OF VACANCY *Amended 09/30/2010

1. <u>Announcement Number</u> T38-10-0241-DM	2. <u>Title, Series, Grade, Salary</u> Clinical Psychologist (Health Behavior Coordinator) FS GS-180 Competitive salary commensurate with education and experience as determined by Professional Standards Board	3. <u>Tour of Duty</u> Days M-F	4. <u>Duty Station</u> Compensation & Pension Hillsboro CBOC
5. <u>Type & Number of Vacancies</u> Permanent *2 - Full-time positions	6. <u>Contact</u> Human Resources Assistant 503-273-5236	7. <u>Opening Date</u> 09/28/2010	8. <u>Closing Date</u> 10/18/2010

THIS POSITION IS IN THE BARGAINING UNIT

WHO MAY APPLY TO THIS ANNOUNCEMENT:

- Career or career conditional employees, Veteran's Canteen Service and permanent Title 38 employees of the Portland VA Medical Center eligible under the interchange Agreement.
- Any US Citizen

MAJOR DUTIES:

The incumbent is to perform Compensation and Pension (C&P) evaluations for veterans requesting service-connection for disabilities related to PTSD and/or other mental disorders based on requirements listed in the 2507 received from the Veterans Affairs Regional Office (VARO). Incumbent performs the required examination or provides the requested opinion necessary to make a decision on a veterans' claim for service-connected disability. Incumbent is required to perform a clinical interview and determine diagnoses based on DSM-IV criteria. He/She may also be requested to conduct competency evaluations and psychological testing. The psychologist will perform the examination using established guidelines published by the Veterans Benefit Administration (VBA) and Compensation and Pension Evaluation Project (CPEP). These examinations are for use by the regional office for rating purposes only and there is no treatment involved. All examination findings are to be dictated, reviewed, completed and released in a timely manner in accordance with medical center policy. Some examinations will require review of claims folder or the VA computerized patient record system (CPRS). Psychologist will use CPRS to notify other VA examiners or enter orders.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Eligibility: Department of Veterans Affairs Qualifications Standards (VA Handbook 5005, Part II, Appendix G18) applies and may be reviewed in the Human Resources Management Service Office.

Basic Requirements:

- Must be a citizen of the United States.
- Doctoral degree in psychology from APA Accredited Graduate Program in an area of training consistent with the assignment for which the applicant is to be employed.
- Preferred applicant will have Internship in professional psychology accredited by the American Psychological Association.
- Professional Psychology Licensure: States, License Numbers, dates of original licensure. A psychologist must hold a full, current and unrestricted license to practice psychology at the doctoral level in a State, Territory, Commonwealth of the US, or the District of Columbia. The secretary may waive the requirement of licensure for a period not to exceed two years from the date of employment on the condition that such a psychologist provide care only under the supervision of a psychologist who is licensed.

Experience:

GS-11: None beyond the basic requirements.

GS-12: In addition to the basic requirements at the GS-11 level, at least 1 year of experience as a professional psychologist equivalent to the next lower grade level. Individuals assigned as GS-12 psychologists may be in the process of obtaining licensure at the independent practice level. If unlicensed, the individual must be supervised by a

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licensed psychologist and the experience and supervision must meet the standards for psychology licensure.

GS-13: There must be two or more years of clinical experience comparable to what one would get in a large complex medical facility, either by post-doctoral employment or two years of employment as a psychologist. A psychologist must be licensed at the GS 13 level. The primary job functions of psychologists at this level include the provision of direct psychological patient care, consultation services on difficult or complex cases, and education of staff and trainee supervision. He/She has advanced knowledge of psychological diagnosis, intervention, and behavioral health that qualifies him/her to provide advice and consultation to professionals representing a variety of disciplines.

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.
- Relocation expenses may be authorized.
- Relocation incentive may be authorized.
- Recruitment incentive may be authorized.
- 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
- [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 (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.
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 10/18/2010.

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: T38-10-0241-DM

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 emailed applications or applications in a US government envelope.**