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NOTICE OF VACANCY

POSITION TITLE: Registered Respiratory Therapist (Program Specialist)

ANNOUNCEMENT #: T38-11-059-JL (*Amended 1/10/2011)

DIVISION: Inpatient & Emergency Services Division

LOCATION: VAMC Portland

SERIES & SALARY RANGE: GS – 601-08, \$51,554 – \$67,016

OPEN DATE: January 6, 2011

CLOSE DATE: January 27, 2011

NUMBER OF VACANCIES: 1

POSITION INFORMATION: Permanent, Full-time, Tour of duty hours: * 8:00am to 4:30pm M-F.

WHO MAY APPLY: Portland VA Medical Center IESD, Respiratory Care Services (RCS) employees only.

BARGAINING UNIT POSITION: Yes

Major Duties: Full duties and responsibilities of Registered Respiratory Therapist with additional duties as Programmatic lead and clinical point of contact for Home Visits for Home Oxygen and Home Ventilator and, a Programmatic lead and clinical point of contact for discharge planning/coordination of a Respiratory patient. Overall respiratory care programmatic review and development for the respiratory care service under the direction of the IESD clinical manager of RCS. The incumbent Maintains all policy and procedures per medical center and regulatory standards. She/he coordinates on-going competency review and education for respiratory care staff. She/he coordinates on-going education for the interdisciplinary healthcare team in regards to RCS. Participation and lead as appropriate in interdisciplinary committees requiring RCS representation. Incumbent is accountable to the IESD Clinical Manager of RCS.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- **Eligibility:** VA Handbook for GS-601 Registered Respiratory Therapist. Regulatory requirements such as “time-in-grade” and “time after competitive appointment” are applicable.
- **Basic Requirements:** Must be a U.S. citizen.
- **Generalized Experience:** not applicable
- **General Experience:** not applicable
- **Specialized Experience:** At least one year of experience that equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSA's) to perform successfully the duties of the position, and that is typically in or related to the position to be filled. To be creditable, specialized experience must have been equivalent to at least the next lower grade level. Specialized experience includes, but is not limited to; Qualifying experience at this level is work which includes duties such as: administering assisted and controlled ventilation to patients with tracheotomies and other complex medical problems requiring frequent adjustments in ventilator parameters; administering and monitoring advanced ventilator techniques such as positive end expiratory pressure and continuous positive airway pressure; developing plans for weaning patients from ventilators; assessing the respiratory status of patients using data acquired through physical observation and clinical analysis of blood gas data, chest x-rays, and electrocardiogram to determine the effectiveness of therapy being administered and to make recommendations to physicians regarding changes in treatment; performing the most difficult respiratory therapy procedures to maintain ventilation, including endotracheal intubation, tracheal lavage, and tracheotomy care; and providing in-service training to others in various specialized areas of respiratory care.
- **Substitution of Education for Experience:** Generally, not applicable

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- Basis for Rating: Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

On a separate sheet of paper, provide a written, detailed response to each of the KSAs. Failure to respond to the rating factors may result in your application receiving a less than desirable rating.

1. Ability to maintain all policy and procedures per medical center and regulatory standards
2. Ability to be a Programmatic lead and clinical point of contact for Home Visits for Home Oxygen and Home Ventilators.
3. Ability to be a Programmatic lead and clinical point of contact for discharge planning/coordination of a Respiratory patient.
4. Ability to coordinate on-going competency review and education for respiratory care staff.
5. Ability to coordinate on-going education for the interdisciplinary healthcare team in regards to RCS

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

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

- Public transit subsidy benefits are available. Carpooling assistance is provided. However, single occupancy parking is limited on main Portland campus.

- 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:

Application forms may be obtained in Human Resources Management Service or on our Portland VAMC internet website, <http://www.visn20.med.va.gov/Portland/mc/hr>.

Portland VAMC Permanent Internal employees:

1. [VAF 4078, Application for Promotion or Reassignment](#)
2. [VAF 4676a, Employee Supplemental Qualifications Statement](#) (due February 3, 2011)
3. [VAF 4667b, Supervisory Appraisal of Employee for Promotion](#) (due February 3, 2011)
4. Updated application; [OF 612, Optional Application for Federal Employment](#) (attach additional sheets of paper if needed for additional job experience (in same format as application)), or Resume.
5. [MPQ – Merit Promotion Questionnaire](#) is optional but recommended if you have qualifications pertaining to the position applied for but are not in your OPF.

All application packets must be received in Human Resources by Close of Business (COB) on January 27, 2011.

- Applications may be emailed to: PortlandVAJobs@va.gov Subject: Announcement # T38-11-059

- Received by Fax to: 503.273.5029, ATTN: Announcement # T38-11-059-JL

- Mailed to: PO BOX 1034, Portland, OR 97207 ATTN: Announcement # T38-11-059

- Brought in person to: Portland VA Medical Center at 3710 SW US Veterans Hospital Road, Portland, OR 97239, Human Resources Building 16, Room 300

Thank you for your interest in the Portland VA Medical Center, for more career opportunities please visit: [Portland VA Human Resources](#) or [USAJobs](#).

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