# PORTLAND VA MEDICAL CENTER

***Portland, Oregon Division***
***Vancouver, Washington Division***
***Community Based Outpatient Clinics***
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## NOTICE OF VACANCY *Amended 12/2/08

| 1. Announcement Number | 2. Title, Series, Grade, Salary | 3. Tour of Duty | 4. Duty Station |
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| **T38H-08-518-SJ** | **Medical Instrument Technician (Vascular) FS**<br>**GS-649-9**<br>**$54,392 to $66,335 per annum**<br>**(Based on full-time employment)** | **7:30am-4pm Monday-Friday** | **Imaging Service, Portland Division** |
| **5. Type & Number of Vacancies** | **6. Contact** | **7. Opening Date** | **8. Closing Date** |
| **Permanent**<br>***Multiple Full-time positions** | **Human Resources Assistant**<br>**503-273-5236** | **7/14/08** | **Until Filled**<br>**1st consideration date 7/28/08** |

**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 incumbent performs duties as a Registered Vascular Technologist (RVT) to assist physicians in the diagnosis and treatment of a wide variety of disorders affecting the vascular system (excluding the heart). This position entails broad clinical care of patients with cardiovascular diseases who are seen in outpatient areas, inpatient areas, as well as the Peripheral Vascular Laboratory. The RVT uses a wide range of instrumentation to noninvasively acquire and record information related to blood vessel anatomy and physiology. This information provides a summary of findings to the physician to aid in patient diagnosis and management using independent judgment and systematic problem solving methods to produce high quality diagnostic information and optimize patient care. The RVT performs patient assessment and diagnostic examinations on a patient population consisting of both inpatients and outpatients. The RVT reports to the supervisor of imaging and performs ultrasound and clinical evaluations at a technical level not requiring direct supervision. Individuals in this position function using a high degree of independence, implementing service policies, procedures and general guidance to meet workload requirements and demands, as well as perform the full range of diagnostic ultrasonography and physiological exams. The RVT works in the Vascular Lab located in the Imaging department on 2 D of the main hospital at the Portland VA Medical Center.

**THIS POSITION IS IN THE BARGAINING UNIT**

**QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

**Eligibility:** Department of Veterans Affairs Qualifications Standards apply (VA Handbook 5005, Part II, Appendix G27) and may be reviewed in the Human Resources Management Service Office.

**Basic Requirements:**

- **Citizenship:** Citizenship of the United States.
- **Certification:** Registration by Cardiovascular Credentialing International (CCI) as a Registered Vascular Sonographer (RVS) or by the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (ARDMS) as a Registered Vascular Technologist (RVT) is highly desirable. Basic Cardiac Life Support (BCLS) and Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certifications are also desirable.
- **Specialized Experience:** At least 1 year of experience comparable to the next lower grade level, which is directly related to the duties of the position to be filled, and must fully meet the KSAs at that level. This would be specialized experience, which demonstrates possession of the knowledge required in order to provide all aspects of diagnostic ultrasonography services.

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**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 and for the grade below that grade:***

1. Knowledge of cross-sectional and longitudinal vascular anatomy in normal and abnormal vessels, anatomical planes and tissue structures, physiologic effects of disease entities that impact the vascular system, signs and symptoms of acute and chronic vascular disease, and the characteristic appearance of aneurysms, pseudoaneurysms, thromboses, stenoses, occlusions, AV fistulae, and morphology of atherosclerotic plaque formulation.
2. Ability to provide Doppler information of peripheral vessels; demonstrate characteristic differences related to the organs they supply; accurately quantify carotid artery stenoses; and identify and correlate specific waveform analysis, plethysmographic tracings, velocity changes, and pressure gradients characteristic of normal, obstructed, or occluded vessels or grafts.
3. Ability to perform intracranial (transcranial) vascular examinations.
4. Ability to operate the instruments to extract the highest quality image utilizing the appropriate transducer frequency, Doppler angle, focal zones, gain, depth, color map, wall filter, and sample volume.
5. Ability to provide objective data to document progression or regression of disease.

**In addition to the above KSAs, the candidate must demonstrate the following technical KSAs and the potential to acquire the assignment specific KSAs designated by the asterisk (*)**

6. Knowledge of the more complex examination and treatment procedures and techniques in order to provide training and supervision in these procedures, to evaluate and initiate performance improvement projects, and to write policies, procedures, and protocols, that pertain to vascular ultrasonography.
7. * Knowledge of JCAHO and other regulatory requirements.
8. Ability to communicate effectively and professionally with employees at varying grade levels.

**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 or 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 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:**

**All application packets must be received in Human Resources by Close of Business (COB) on 7/28/08 for first consideration. This position is Open until Filled.** 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: T38H-08-518-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

**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**

**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.

**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.**