PORTLAND VA MEDICAL CENTER

Portland, Oregon Division
Vancouver, Washington Division
Community Based Outpatient Clinics
Salem, OR *Bend, OR*
Longview. WA *Camp Rilea (Warrenton, OR)*

NOTICE OF VACANCY

1. Announcement Number	2. Title, Series, Grade, Salary	3. Tour of Duty	4. Duty Station
3W-08-293-JC	**Program Specialist (Director, Patient Phone Access Program)** (080480/080490) **GS-301-11, Target GS-12 or GS-12** **$57,161 to $89,070 per annum** (Based on full-time employement)	**To Be Determined M-F**	**Office of Director of Admin & Finance, Portland Division**
5. Type & Number of Vacancies	**6. Contact**	**7. Opening Date**	**8. Closing Date**
Permanent 1 Full-time position	**Human Resources Assistant 503-273-5236**	**3/19/08**	**Until Filled** 1st consideration date 4/8/08

WHO MAY APPLY TO THIS ANNOUNCEMENT:

- Career or career conditional employees and permanent Title 38 employees and permanent Title 38 Hybrid 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.
- Career or career conditional employees and permanent Title 38 employees of other VA facilities.
- Applicants with competitive status outside the VA i.e., those with transfer or reinstatement eligibility.
- Veterans who are preference eligibles or who have been separated from the armed forces under honorable conditions after 3 or more years of continuous active service.
- Employees covered under the provision of the inter-agency Career Transition Plan (ICTAP) and Career Transition Assistance Plan (CTAP) (displaced VA Employees) eligibles will be given priority consideration for vacancies within the **local commuting area** for which they are well qualified. Applicants requesting this consideration must attach appropriate proof of the ITCAP eligibility with their application.

MAJOR DUTIES:

This position is located in the Office of the Deputy Director of Administration and Finance. The incumbent serves as the Director of the Portland VA Medical Center Patient Phone Access Program. The incumbent is responsible for development, coordination, and implementation of all systems related to the patients' care experience via phones. This includes Audio Care and other such programs. The incumbent is responsible to integrate with other electronic patient access methods to shape a consistent patient experience at the medical center level as well as in specific clinical and administrative areas. This program directly impacts medical center patient management, patient outcomes as well as resource and cost implications. The incumbent will have line supervisory responsibilities. Performs other duties as assigned.

THIS POSITION IS EXCLUDED FROM THE BARGAINING UNIT

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Eligibility: U.S. Office of Personnel Management Qualification Standards Handbook for GS-301 series applies and may be reviewed in the Human Resources Management Service office. Regulatory requirements such as "time-in-grade" and "time after competitive appointment" are applicable.

Specialized Experience: Applicants must have at least one (1) year of specialized experience that equipped the applicant with 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 1 year at the GS-9 level in the Federal Service for the GS-11 level. To be creditable, specialized experience must have been equivalent to at least 1 year at the GS-11 level in the Federal Service for the GS-12 level.

Substitution of Education for Experience: GS-11: Three (3) full academic years of progressively higher level graduate education, Ph.D., or equivalent doctoral degree. **GS-12:** Not applicable. If using education as a substitute for experience, please submit a copy of your college transcripts with application packet.

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BASIS OF RATING: (Knowledge, Skills, Abilities (KSAs))

***On a separate sheet of paper, provide a written, detailed response to each of the* KSAs*. Failure to respond to rating factors will result in applicant not being referred for the position*:**

1. Knowledge of organization plans and program development utilizing a wide range of management concepts, principles and practices to apply these techniques in dealing with medical center operations, including unique special projects. This includes the ability to develop policies, procedures, and criteria for both short term and long term program activities.
2. Skill in coordinating projects that involve technical, administrative, management and support personnel within the VA to facilitate teamwork in order to gather information, negotiate solutions, coordinate services, provide guidance and resolve problems. This includes the ability to lead process improvement teams to improve patient care by working collaboratively with a diverse population of stake holders.
3. Ability to communicate orally and in writing with professional, administrative, and technical personnel in the VA. This includes the ability to make presentations, explain data and recommendations, provide advice and guidance, and prepare reports to various levels within the organization.
4. Ability to perform complex analytical studies and interpret results in order to recommend program improvements. This Includes the ability to develop and implement various data collection and monitoring protocols.
5. Ability to analyze, interpret, and apply various laws and regulations in order to initiate actions in implementing programs, or changes within the programs. This includes the ability to develop and coordinate internal review systems.
6. Knowledge of a wide range of computer applications and techniques in order to perform a wide variety of assignments. This includes knowledge of various spreadsheets and databases specific to the VA.

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

Applicants without prior federal service will be appointed at step one of the grade

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

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.

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.

Recruitment incentive may be authorized.

This is a developmental position. If selected below the target level, employee may be promoted without further competition upon satisfactory completion of qualification and eligibility requirements.

Employee selected must serve a one (1) year probationary period for managers/supervisors as contained in 5 USC 315, unless she/he has already served the required supervisory period.

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 4/8/08 for 1st 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/index.htm.**

Applications may be mailed to:
Portland VA Medical Center, P4HRMS
Attn: 3W-08-293-JC
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. VAF 4676a, Employee Supplemental Qualifications Statement
3. VAF 4667b, Supervisory Appraisal of Employee for Promotion is optional but recommended.
4. 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. 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. (Please refer to OF-510, Applying for a Federal Job on the USA jobs website (http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/) for information on how to apply with a resume instead of OF-612
2. VAF 4676a, Employee Supplemental Qualifications Statement
3. VAF 4667b, Supervisory Appraisal of Employee for Promotion is optional but recommended.
4. OF-306, Declaration for Federal Employment (January 2001 version or later).
5. Latest SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action
6. Latest performance appraisal

Non VA Applicants must submit:

1. 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. (Please refer to OF-510, Applying for a Federal Job on the USA jobs website (http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/) for information on how to apply with a resume instead of OF-612
2. OF-306, Declaration for Federal Employment (January 2001 version or later).
3. 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.
4. SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action (if applying as a current or former federal employee).
5. Narrative statement relating to all of the KSAs. Candidates **must** submit a narrative statement on a separate page(s) with specific responses to all of the knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSAs) in this announcement. Failure to submit your narrative response to all of the KSAs will result in the applicant not being referred for the position.
6. A copy of your college transcripts (Optional unless education is required).
7. ITCAP Applicants: Submit proof by including a copy of the agency notice, most recent Performance Rating and most recent SF-50 indicating current position, grade, level, and duty station.

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.**