



PORTLAND VA MEDICAL CENTER

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



NOTICE OF VACANCY

1. <u>Announcement Number</u> T38-09-0053-JB	2. <u>Title, Series, Grade, Salary</u> Health Technician (Ophthalmology) (31938A) GS-640-8 \$42,775 to \$55,607 per annum (Based on full-time employment)	3. <u>Tour of Duty</u> Days M-F	4. <u>Duty Station</u> Eye Program, Operative Care Division, Portland Division
5. <u>Type & Number of Vacancies</u> Permanent 2 Full-time position	6. <u>Contact</u> Human Resources Assistant 503-273-5236	7. <u>Opening Date</u> 11/13/08	8. <u>Closing Date</u> 11/28/08

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.

MAJOR DUTIES:

Within the Eye Clinic of Specialty and Support Programs (SSP), the Ophthalmic Technician shall assist in providing diagnostic and therapeutic medical care and services under the guidance of the Ophthalmology Staff. In general, the incumbent shall be assigned the duty of conducting specific observations and examination procedures, and performing diagnostic and therapeutic tasks according to the criteria established by the Chief of the Eye Care Program. The technician will inquire as to patient's complaints/history. The technician will move and position the patients before, during, and after examinations, tests, or procedures, using any special equipment and will check patients blood pressure when necessary. Will perform visual acuity examinations and testing such as visual fields, color vision, amsler grid, evaluation of pupils, estimation of anterior chamber depth, and lensometry. Works with the Inventory Manager, Operative Care Division and Pharmacy Service in maintaining effective supply levels, anticipating the need of the ophthalmologist for additional supplies, equipment, including photographic materials and other expendable items. Maintains an effective working relationship with all clinic personnel. Responsible for orienting new residents hi clinic scheduling, clinical procedures, pharmacy procedures, minor surgery scheduling, equipment use, laboratory and imaging procedures, and use of various VAMC forms.

THIS POSITION IS IN THE BARGAINING UNIT

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Eligibility: U.S. Office of Personnel Management Qualification Standards Handbook for GS-640 series applies and may be reviewed in the Human Resources Management Service office.

Specialized Experience: One (1) year 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 work of the position to be filled. To be creditable, specialized experience must have been equivalent to at least the next lower grade level.

Substitution of Education for Experience: Graduate education or an internship meets the specialized experience required above GS-5 *only* in those instances where it is directly related to the work of the position. One full year of graduate education meets the requirements for GS-7. Two full years of graduate education or a master's degree meets the requirements for GS-9. **If using education as a substitute for experience, please submit a copy of your college transcripts with application packet.**

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 procedures for receiving and starting the Patient exam using all ophthalmic skills.
2. Knowledge of refractions, diagnostic and therapeutic testing.
3. Knowledge of ophthalmic surgical instrument necessary for cataract surgery, extraction of lens, fundamentals of sterilizer environment.
4. Knowledge of eye care for counseling and teaching patient, family, and others Pre / Post surgery and other outpatient care needs.
5. Knowledge of charting pre exam documentation.

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CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

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.

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).

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](#) **Close of Business (COB) on 11/28/08**
2. [VAF 4676a, Employee Supplemental Qualifications Statement](#) **(due 12/3/08)**
3. [VAF 4667b, Supervisory Appraisal of Employee for Promotion](#) is optional but recommended. **(due 12/3/08)**
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

All application packets must be received in Human Resources by Close of Business on 11/28/08. 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: MP-09-0053-JB
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.

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.**