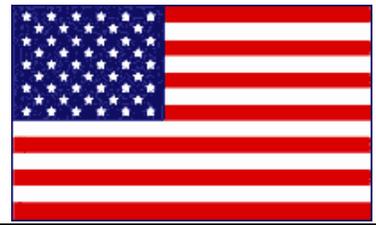




PORTLAND VA MEDICAL CENTER

*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> <p style="text-align: center;">MP-09-0191-LS</p>	2. <u>Title, Series, Grade, Salary</u> <p style="text-align: center;">Housekeeping Aid (Specialized Cleaning) (601360) WG-3566-3 \$14.79 to \$17.26 per hour</p>	3. <u>Tour of Duty</u> <p style="text-align: center;">Various M-F</p>	4. <u>Duty Station</u> <p style="text-align: center;">Facilities Management Service, Portland Division</p>
5. <u>Type & Number of Vacancies</u> <p style="text-align: center;">Permanent 6 Full-time position(s)</p>	6. <u>Contact</u> <p style="text-align: center;">Human Resources Assistant 503-273-5236</p>	7. <u>Opening Date</u> <p style="text-align: center;">04/13/09</p>	8. <u>Closing Date</u> <p style="text-align: center;">05/01/09</p>

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.
- VEOA (Veterans Employment Opportunities Act) 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 ICTAP eligibility with their application. Well qualified is defined as an applicant, without any further training, can perform the major duties of the position which include experience and ability to perform routine and specialized cleaning tasks in critical areas, knowledge of cleaning instructions, and working within a medical patient care and/or operating room environment.

MAJOR DUTIES:

Incumbent's duties are performed under the general leadership of the housekeeping aid leader assigned to the operating room (OR). Incumbent may take direction from the OR staff as needed. Incumbent may be asked to cover off tour hours when critical cases are presented. Incumbent of this position performs routine and specialized tasks in completing sanitation duties in critical care areas such as the Operating Rooms and PACU; as assigned. Routine tasks include, but are not limited to; waste removal, dusting, polishing, dust-mopping, damp mopping; cleaning of urinals, sinks, commodes; restocking supplies such as towels or tissues, cleaning equipment used, performing periodic maintenance checks, etc.. Specialized tasks include, but are not limited to; isolation cleaning, terminal cleaning, performing aseptic cleaning techniques, etc. In addition to the routine and specialized tasks assigned in the O.R. and other specialized areas, incumbent may be assigned to clean patient-discharge, inter-ward transfer, or long-term care patient units. Cleaning of the patient discharge unit consists of washing (with a germicidal detergent solution): the mattress, springs, and frame of bed (previously stripped of linen by nursing personnel); the bedside stand, over bed table, patient/visitor's side-chair, reading lamp, and other auxiliary items as determined by the Housekeeping Officer. Following the cleaning of all unit items, the bed may be made up - using neat, hospital fold techniques, with linen consisting of: mattress pad, bottom sheet, top sheet, blanket/spread, pillow, pillow-case and any draw-sheets or related items as determined by their supervisor. Incumbent must be familiar with sanitation techniques for maintaining an aseptically clean and aesthetically pleasing environment as well as for the protection and safety of patients, visitors and staff alike.

THIS POSITION IS IN THE BARGAINING UNIT

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Eligibility: U.S. Office of Personnel Management Qualifications Standards for WG-3566 Custodial Working series applies and may be reviewed in the Human Resources Management Division office. There is no specific amount of experience and/or training required, but candidates must demonstrate via their experience or combination of experience/training that they possess the knowledge, skills, and abilities required for the position (see "Basis of Rating" below).

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: (Applicants who clearly fail to meet the screen-out element will be rated ineligible without further review of their applications since this element measures the critical ability needed to successfully perform the duties of the job)

1. Ability to work as a healthcare Operating Room (OR) housekeeper without more than normal supervision. (Describe your work experience as a housekeeping in an operating room environment, your work assignments as related to working in an OR environment, your ability to terminally clean/disinfect a direct patient care area, like an exam room or operating room.)(Screen-out element)
2. Ability to operate typical housekeeping equipment. (Describe the tasks involved in operating and maintaining equipment in a busy/high traffic area, the different types of housekeeping equipment used in a hospital setting, and name the different types of housekeeping equipment you have used.)
3. Knowledge of various environmental infection control techniques and equipment used in healthcare settings. (Describe two special techniques of environmental infection control principles and equipment, Describe the tasks involved with cleaning and OR suite or a patient isolation room.)
4. Ability to work efficiently and safely while performing common housekeeping aid duties. (Describe your knowledge of proper body mechanics while lifting heavy (25+lbs) objects. Describe the various kinds of safety training you received in your most recent or current employment.)
5. Ability to follow oral and written directions, in addition to successfully participating in healthcare specific training programs. (Give examples of your ability to follow oral and/or written instructions/directions along with a few examples of healthcare specific training courses.)

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.
- A pre-employment physical examination will be required for an applicant who is tentatively selected.
- 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](#) (due 05/01/09)
2. [VAF 4676a, Employee Supplemental Qualifications Statement](#) (due 05/08/09)
3. [VAF 4667b, Supervisory Appraisal of Employee for Promotion](#) is optional but recommended. (due 05/08/09)
4. [OF 612, Optional Application for Federal Employment](#), Resume, and/or 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.

All application packets must be received in Human Resources by Close of Business (COB) on 05/01/09 (except as noted above). 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-09-0191-LS

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.**