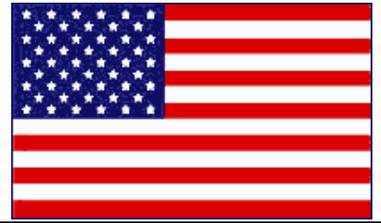




PORTLAND VA MEDICAL CENTER

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> MP-09-0292-TC	2. <u>Title, Series, Grade, Salary</u> Health Technician (Escort) (32000a/32001a/60092A) GS-640-2/3/4 \$23,608 to \$37,590 per annum (Based on full-time employment)	3. <u>Tour of Duty</u> Days, Evenings or Nights including weekends and holidays	4. <u>Duty Station</u> Inpatient & Emergency Service Division, Portland Division,
5. <u>Type & Number of Vacancies</u> Permanent 1 Full-time position	6. <u>Contact</u> Human Resources Assistant 503-273-5236	7. <u>Opening Date</u> 8/26/2009	8. <u>Closing Date</u> 9/16/2009

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 transporting patients by stretcher, wheelchair, and/or accompanying ambulatory patients who need assistance to areas within the hospital; recognizing and reporting significant changes in patients that are being transported; and collecting and redelivering all specimens, labs, consults, x-rays, charts and all medical related materials and equipment throughout the Medical Center.

MAJOR DUTIES:

The incumbent transports patients by stretcher, wheelchair, and/or accompanies ambulatory patients who need assistance to areas within the hospital. Recognizes and reports significant changes in patients that are being transported. Collects and redelivers all specimens, labs, consults, x-rays, charts and all medical related materials and equipment throughout the Medical Center. Responds and assists in all emergencies, including, but not limited to codes and internal/externals emergencies throughout the Medical Center. In addition will provide staffing and service to the Transitional Discharge Unit (TDU) of the Portland VA Medical Center, Will escort patients to the hall and remain there until all patients have been processed. Will staff unit and provide guidance and service to veterans/family members while they are awaiting medications or transportation. Provides guidance and information pertaining to patient whereabouts and accesses other services as needed to provide required care and services. Incumbent will maintain a patient log to assist in patient flow and quick reference and will utilize telephones and computer to access patient information. Position requires strong interpersonal skills and customer service.

THIS POSITION IS IN THE BARGAINING UNIT

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Eligibility: U.S. Office of Personnel Management Qualification Standards Handbook for GS-640, Health Aid and Technician series apply 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.

General Experience: GS-2: Requires three (3) months of general experience that demonstrates the applicant's ability to perform the work of the position or experience that provided a familiarity within a medical environment.

GS-3; GS-4: Requires six (6) months of general experience that demonstrates the applicant's ability to perform the work of the position or experience that provided a familiarity within a medical environment.

Specialized Experience: GS-2; GS-3: Not required. **GS-4:** Six months of specialized experience equivalent to the

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GS-3 grade level in Federal Service. Experience must have equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform successfully the duties of the position and that are typically in or related to the work of the position.

Substitution of Education for Experience: **GS-2:** High school graduation or equivalent. **GS-3:** Successful completion of 1 year of study that included study in medical, health, or related fields. **GS-4:** Successful completion of 2 years of study that included at least 12 semester hours in subjects related to the position. 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 the rating factors may result in your application receiving a less than desirable rating.

GS-2:

1. Ability to safely transport patients via wheelchair, stretcher, or ambulatory assist.
2. Ability to provide customer service to patients, family members and hospital employees.
3. Ability to communicate effectively with patients, family and hospital employees.

GS-3 (in addition to above KSA's the following):

4. Possess the ability to respond appropriately to changes in patient condition and respond appropriately.
5. Knowledge and experience working with computers to include, but not limited to Vista, CPRS, and Windows based programs.

GS-4 (in addition to above KSA's the following):

6. Ability to perform dispatch duties and prioritize workload according to written guidelines.

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.

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.

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](#)
2. [VAF 4676a, Employee Supplemental Qualifications Statement](#) (due 9/23/2009)
3. [VAF 4667b, Supervisory Appraisal of Employee for Promotion](#) is optional but recommended. (due 9/23/2009)
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](#)

<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 9/16/2009 (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-09-0292-TC

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.**