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## NOTICE OF VACANCY

**POSITION TITLE:** Health Technician

**ANNOUNCEMENT #:** MP-11-0048-DM

**DIVISION:** Primary Care

**LOCATION:** East Portland

**SERIES & SALARY RANGE:** GS – 0640-5 - \$33,013 - \$42,913

**OPEN DATE:** 01/03/2011

**CLOSE DATE:** 01/18/2011

**NUMBER OF VACANCIES:** 1

**POSITION INFORMATION:** Permanent, Full Time,

**WHO MAY APPLY:**

- VA Career or career conditional employees
- VA permanent Title 38, Title 38 Hybrid employees and Veterans Canteen employees eligible under the Interchange Agreement
- Federal Career/Career Conditional Employees and Reinstatement eligibles
- Individuals eligible under special hiring authorities (See conditions of employment).
- ICTAP/CTAP eligible Federal Employees. (See conditions of employment).
- Noncompetitive appointment of certain military spouses (See conditions of employment).
- VEOA eligible applicants (Veterans Employment Opportunities Act) (See conditions of employment).
- Schedule A applicants (See conditions of employment).
- VRA eligible applicants (See conditions of employment).

**BARGAINING UNIT POSITION:** YES

**MAJOR DUTIES:** The incumbent serves as a Health Technician (Medical Assistant) assigned to the Portland VA Medical Center Primary Care Clinics and a certified Master Trainer of Chronic Disease Self Management. The incumbent functions as a team member under the guidance of the Chronic Disease Self Management Coordinator (CDSM), but must be able to function independently. The incumbent is responsible for providing medical assisted care, and administrative support to include complex scheduling, data collection, statistical tracking and matrix management. The incumbent must demonstrate the ability to observe, identify, and respond to the patient's needs for medical assisted care, and to recognize deviations from normal. The incumbent is also responsible for patient education, and must be able to lead CDSM workshops independently as a certified Master Trainer. The incumbent completes the Health Promotion/clinical reminders as appropriate and documents accordingly, performs age appropriate care, and uses techniques to appropriately de-escalate disruptive patients. Responsible for assuring all staff members are aware of current DSS codes for CDSM, names of clinics used by program and how to properly schedule them. Participate in performance improvement activities and offer input to increase the quality of the overall program. Travel to Portland VA Medical Center Community Based Outpatient Clinics to provide CDSM program education to staff, patients and community partners. Orient new staff to the clinical and administrative areas of the clinic. Promote shared decision making with patients and their family members and emphasize why it is necessary to continue positive self care behaviors. Assist with teaching general health care topics, reinforce the importance of following the care plan that is created by the Primary Care provider and the patient, and remind patient to follow a medical/health routine that promotes self care activities that are within a patient's capabilities.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- **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. Regulatory requirements such as "time-in-grade" and "time after competitive appointment" are applicable.

- **Basic Requirements:** Must be a U.S. citizen.

- **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:** Successful completion of a four-year course of study above the high school level leading to a bachelor's degree with a major study of at least 24 semester hours in subjects directly related to the position. If using education as a substitute for experience, please submit a copy of your college transcripts with application packet.

• **Applicant must possess \*Chronic Disease Self Management Master Trainer Certification.**

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### - Basis for Rating: Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

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.

1. - The incumbent is also responsible for patient education, and must be able to lead Chronic Disease Self Management (CDSM) workshops independently as a Master Trainer.
2. - Ability to multitask coordinates resources, manage deadlines, and work independently in a responsible and professional manner.
3. - Expert in the application of utilizing Microsoft Office Suite to include Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook; creation of spreadsheets, documents, brochures/pamphlets, and other correspondence.
4. - Comprehensive knowledge of healthcare capacity and demand, benchmarking criteria, Joint Commission (JC) standards and regulations as well as Chronic Disease Self-management program requirements.
5. - Ability to communicate verbally and in writing with a variety of people from different backgrounds and different skill levels of understanding.
6. Knowledge of the broad range of patient care and administrative services of a hospital in order to plan, implement, carry out, and advise on various activities relative to delivery of patient care in a hospital and outpatient arenas.

### CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

- **Priority Consideration:** Individuals who have special priority selection rights under the Agency Career Transition Assistance Program (CTAP) or the Interagency Career Transition Assistance Program (ICTAP) must be well qualified for the position to receive consideration for special priority selection. CTAP and ICTAP eligibles will be considered well qualified if they can perform the duties of the position at the full performance level and the full range. Able to perform the required duties of the position at the full performance level which include knowledge of patient care and administrative services. Ability to multitask coordinates resources, manage deadlines, and work independently. Applicant can fully perform competency and efficiency in data collection. Expert in the application of utilizing Microsoft Office Suite software to include Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook; creation of spreadsheets, documents, brochures/pamphlets and other correspondence.

Federal Employees seeking CTAP/ICTAP eligibility must submit proof that they meet the requirements of 5 CFR 330.605 (a) for CTAP and 5 CFR 330.704 for ICTAP. This includes a copy of the agency notice, a copy of their most recent Performance Rating and a copy of their most recent SF-50 noting current position, grade level, and duty location. Please annotate your application to reflect that you are applying as a CTAP or ICTAP eligible.

- **Noncompetitive Appointment of Certain Military Spouses** - Spouses of armed forces members who are involved in a Permanent Change of Station (PCS): You must include a copy of the service member's PCS Orders authorizing the spouse to accompany the service member and proof of marriage to the service member.

- Spouses of armed forces members who retired or were released from active duty with a 100% disability: You must include proof that service member was released or discharged from active duty due to a service-connected disability, documentation of 100% disability, and proof of marriage to the service member.

- Un-remarried widows or widowers of armed forces members killed while on active duty: You must include proof of service member's death while on active duty and proof of marriage to the service member.

- **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.

- **Schedule A** special hiring authority covers applicants with mental and physical disabilities. In order to be considered under this special hiring authority applicants need to provide proof of disability and job readiness certification. The proof of disability and job readiness certification can be provided by the following: 1) a statement or letter on a physician's/medical professional's letterhead; 2) statement, record or letter from a Federal Government agency that issues or provides disability benefits; 3) statement, record or letter from a State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency counselor; or 4) certification from a private Vocational Rehabilitation or other Counselor that issues or provides disability benefits. More information regarding this special hiring authority can be found at [www.opm.gov/disability/aboutus.asp](http://www.opm.gov/disability/aboutus.asp)

- **VRA (Veterans Recruitment Act):** VRA eligibility applies to the following categories: Disabled Veterans, Veterans who served on active duty in the Armed Forces during a war declared by Congress, or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized, Veterans who, while serving on active duty in the Armed Forces, participated in a military operation for which the Armed Forces Service Medal (AFSM) was awarded and Veterans separated from active duty within the past 3 years.

- 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.

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- 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.
- 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:

Application forms may be obtained in Human Resources Management Service or on our [Portland VAMC](#) internet website.

#### Portland VAMC Permanent Internal employees:

1. [VAF 4078, Application for Promotion or Reassignment](#)
2. [VAF 4676a, Employee Supplemental Qualifications Statement](#) (due 01/25/2011)
3. [VAF 4667b, Supervisory Appraisal of Employee for Promotion](#) (due 01/25/2011)
4. Updated application; [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.
5. [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 Other 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: (Required if Veterans Preference is being used for status)
  - a. DD-214, Military Discharge Paper (copy must display the required data which includes awards/medals/badges, dates and character of service) (For 5 Point Veteran's Preference).
  - b. [SF-15, Application for 10-point Veteran Preference](#) (December 2004 version or later) (if applicable)
  - c. VA letter or DOD documentation of service-connected disability rating dated 1991 or later if applicable.
4. SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action (if applying as a current or former federal employee).
5. Special Hiring Authority documentation (if applying under ICTAP/CTAP, Schedule A, etc.)
6. Responses to the KSA's. Candidates are recommended to submit a narrative statement on a separate page(s) with specific responses to all of the knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSAs) in this announcement.
7. A copy of your college transcripts (Optional unless education is required). 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. Foreign Education; to receive credit for education completed outside the United States, you must show proof that the education has been submitted to a private organization that specializes in the interpretation of foreign educational credentials and such education has been deemed at least equivalent to that gained in conventional U.S. education programs.

#### All application packets must be received in Human Resources by Close of Business (COB) on 01/18/2011.

- Applications may be emailed to: [PortlandVAJobs@va.gov](mailto:PortlandVAJobs@va.gov)
- Received by Fax to: 503.273.5029 ATTN: MP-11-0048-DM

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- Mailed to: PO BOX 1034, Portland, OR 97207 ATTN: MP-11-0048-DM
- Brought in person to: Portland VA Medical Center at 3710 SW US Veterans Hospital Road, Portland, OR 97239, Human Resources Building 16, Room 300

**Thank you for your interest in the Portland VA Medical Center, for more career opportunities please visit: [Portland VA Human Resources](#) or [USAJobs](#).**

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