

POSITION: Physician Assistant (Surgery), AD/VN-603-11/12**NUMBER OF VACANCIES:** One Full-time position**FUNCTIONAL STATEMENT:** Physician Assistant**TYPE OF APPOINTMENT:** Permanent**SALARY RANGE:** AD/VN-11: \$53,799 to \$66,885; AD/VN-12: \$57,510 to \$73,197 per annum**NOTE 1:** First consideration will be given to those who respond by 3/15/04.**NOTE 2:** Eligible employees may be non-competitively re-assigned to fill this position as an exception to merit promotion.**NOTE 3:** 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.**NOTE 4:** Appointment to positions at this facility requires completion of a background investigation. Candidates selected must complete the investigation request, and will be fingerprinted prior to appointment.**NOTE 5:** A recruitment bonus may be available to a high quality candidate.**NOTE 6:** A pre-employment physical examination may be required for any applicant tentatively selected from outside the VA Medical Center.**NOTE 7:** A drug test may be required for any applicant tentatively selected from outside the VA Medical Center.**NOTE 8:** 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.**NOTE 9:** This is a Bargaining Unit Position.**TOUR OF DUTY:** Position is dayshift, M-F. The work conditions may require some rotation in the tour of duty.**LOCATION:** This position is located in the Surgical Services, Operative Care Division, Portland, OR Division. It may be necessary to utilize the selected person's services at a different Medical Center location if conditions require it in the future.**AREA OF CONSIDERATION:** First area of consideration will go to current permanent employees of this medical center including Willamette National Cemetery, Regional Counsel and Veteran Outreach Center. Second area of consideration will go to any qualified U.S. Citizen.**DUTIES:** The complete Functional Statement may be reviewed in Human Resources Management Division. The following duties and responsibilities are taken from the functional statement and are considered to be a brief extract: the incumbent will serve as an agent for supervising physicians. The incumbent will be responsible for initial screening of patients in outpatient clinics. A screening may include history, physical exams, ordering laboratory tests and x-rats, electrocardiograms and other routine diagnostic tests. The incumbent will initiate evaluations and therapy for patients as outlined in their physician assistant practice description on file in the Operative Care Division offices, and may write prescriptions for medication as commensurate with their VA prescriptive privileges. Performs simple laceration suturing, venipuncture; arterio-puncture; urinary catheterization; suture removal; administration of IV fluids; administration of intramuscular, subcutaneous and intradermal injections; administers local nerve blocks; performs procedures such as arthrocentesis with administration of local anesthetics and corticosteroids; performs lumbar punctures; and cleansing and debridement of wounds as needed. Conducts pre-operative work-ups for surgery patients. Conducts surgery patient and family teaching/education to provide continuity of care. The incumbent shall be available for assisting in the operating room as needed**Qualifications:**

- A. Current active license as a Physician's Assistant in the State of Oregon.
- B. Certification by the National Commission on Certification of Physician's Assistants (NCCPA).
- C. Graduation from a PA program certified by the ARC-PA

HOW TO APPLY (First Consideration Applicants): In order to be considered for this vacancy, interested employees must complete and submit VA Form 5-4078, Application for Promotion or Reassignment, to be received in Human Resources Management Division (P4HRMS). This form is available in Human Resources Management Division. First consideration will be given to those who apply no later than 3/15/04, however this position will remain open until filled.**HOW TO APPLY (Second Consideration Applicants):** In order to be considered for this vacancy, interested applicants must complete and submit:

- A. VA Form 10-2850c, Application for Associated Health Occupations. (REQUIRED)
- B. Copy of Current License. (REQUIRED)
- C. OF-306, "Declaration for Federal Employment. (REQUIRED)
- D. DD-214, "Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty" (if claiming veterans preference and/or VRA eligibility).
- E. SF-15, "Application for 10-point Veteran Preference" (with required documentation for proof). (if applicable)
- F. SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action" (for proof of civilian Federal status). (if applicable)

You may obtain these forms by contacting one of the Personnel Clerks at (503) 273-5236 or you may visit the Human Resources Management Division Office, Building 100, Room 6C-12, 3710 SW US Veterans Hospital Road, Portland, OR 97207. You can return or mail your completed application to the below address **ATTN: Announcement T38-04-249****Well Qualified (CTAP/ICTAP):** A well-qualified candidate is defined as one who meets the qualification and eligibility requirements for the position, including all educational/experience and selective factors (when applicable), and is able to satisfactorily perform the duties of the position upon entry.**EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:** All qualified candidates will receive equal consideration without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, sex, politics, marital status, non-disqualifying physical or mental handicap, age or membership or non-membership in a labor organization.Forms are available online at www.portland.med.va.gov/hr**HOW TO OBTAIN FORMS:****In Portland:**

VA Medical Center
 Human Resources Management Division
 3710 SW US Veterans Hospital Road, (Bldg. 100, Room 6C-12)
 Portland, OR 97207. Phone # (503) 273-5236

If Mailing:

VA Medical Center,
 Human Resources Management Division (P4HRMS)
 P.O. Box 1034
 Portland, OR 97207

Human Resources Management Division will not photocopy any application material; applicants are responsible for making photocopies prior to submitting applications. Applications must be received in Human Resources Management Division in the Portland office as listed above. **First consideration will be given to those who apply no later than 3/15/04, however this position will remain open until filled.** Applications will not be returned to applicants. For additional information you may contact Personnel (503) 273-5236.