



PORTLAND VA MEDICAL CENTER

*Portland, Oregon Division
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NOTICE OF VACANCY *AMENDED* 4/3/07

1. <u>Announcement Number</u> T-07-371-JB	2. <u>Title, Series, Grade, Salary</u> Health Technician (Anesthesiology) (GS-6: 32077A / GS-7: 32076A)) GS-640-6 target 7 or GS-7 \$33,597 to \$48,536 per annum (Based on full-time employment)	3. <u>Tour of Duty</u> Days M-F (emergency callback on a rotating basis)	4. <u>Duty Station</u> Operative Care Division, Portland Division
5. <u>Type & Number of Vacancies</u> Temporary, NTE 1 year + 1 day 2 Full-time positions	6. <u>Contact</u> Human Resources Assistant 503-220-8262 x 57317	7. <u>Opening Date</u> 4/3/07	8. <u>Closing Date</u> Until Filled *1st consideration date 4/9/07

WHO MAY APPLY TO THIS ANNOUNCEMENT:

- Any US Citizen

MAJOR DUTIES:

Incumbent is an Anesthesia Technician in the Anesthesiology Service, Operative Care Division (OCD) and is a member of the anesthesia care team with responsibilities that include providing general peri-procedural support to OCD providers and their patients throughout the Medical Center. Major duties include positioning and setting up anesthesia machines, including suction, breathing circuit apparatus, gas cylinders, vaporizers, patient monitoring systems, and all additional requested disposables or equipment such as specialty catheters, pressure transducers, and cardiac output sets. Stocks and maintains anesthesia carts and supplies, including specialized carts for cardiothoracic anesthesia, transplant anesthesia, pain management, airway emergencies, malignant hyperthermia, and latex allergy, to assure that appropriate, current drugs and supplies are consistently and immediately available to anesthesia providers in pre-established locations. Incumbent assists anesthesia providers with direct patient care, including patient positioning, connection of standard noninvasive monitoring and warming devices, insertion of intravenous and invasive monitoring devices, initiation of regional anesthetic blocks, advanced airway management techniques, use of a rapid infusion device, use of an intraaortic balloon pump, serving as courier of patient specimens, blood products, and emergency drugs, supplies, and equipment, and providing basic life support measures as medically directed. Performs patient-blood product verification procedure, as the second verifier, when needed. Incumbent is responsible for assessing the need for autotransfusion, operating a red cell recovery machine, keeping accurate autotransfusion records in accordance with Medical Center policy, and performing autotransfusion quality control procedures independently during both scheduled and emergency cases. Cleans machines, carts, and monitoring devices between cases and at the end of the scheduled day. Performs routine operation, maintenance, and repair of all anesthesiology equipment and ancillary laboratory instruments independently and in accordance with established anesthesia technician procedures. Maintains routine and current drug and supply stocks in the anesthesiology workroom; ordering and tracking non-standard drugs, supplies and equipment from pharmacy, SPD, and via the OCD materials manager; assisting the Lead Anesthesia Technician with data collection for new product evaluations; and documenting supplies used during transplant cases. Documents daily workload statistics, and assists in data collection and collation for quality management, educational, and/or research purposes. Incumbent is required to be on call on a rotating basis.

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

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. Please submit a copy of your college transcripts with application packet.

- The preferred applicant will have certification as an Anesthesia Technician from the American Society of Anesthesia Technicians & Technologists.

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. Ability to communicate clearly with people from a variety of backgrounds.
2. Knowledge of operating room and anesthesia processes and procedures.

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3. Knowledge of anesthesiology equipment and supplies, their use, desired performance, and safety features.
4. Ability to work well with others in a team setting.
5. Ability to work under pressure and use sound judgment in solving problems.

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.

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.

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 38USC 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:

US Citizens 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).

***All application packets must be received in Human Resources by Close of Business (COB) on 4/9/07 for 1st consideration.**

This position is open until filled. Application forms may be obtained in Human Resources Office or on our external website

<http://www.vsn20.med.va.gov/Portland/mc/hr>

Applications may be mailed to:

Portland VA Medical Center, P4HRMS

Attn:T-07-371-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.**