

OPERATING ROOM TECHNICIAN, GS-640-7**OPENS:** 12-06-02**CLOSES:** 12-26-02**AREA OF CONSIDERATION:** Seeking candidates throughout the Indian Health Service.**TRAVEL:** Relocation expenses **WILL BE** paid for this position.**LOCATION:** ANTHC, Alaska Native Medical Center, Operating Room, Anchorage, Alaska.**NOTE:** This is a **SMOKE FREE** hospital.**HOUSING:** Government housing is not available.**SALARY:** *GS-7: \$28,164 - \$36,615 per year plus 25% Cost Of Living Allowance (COLA). COLA is reviewed annually by OPM and is subject to change

DUTIES: Prepares assigned operating room for specific surgical procedures selecting equipment, drapes packs, sutures and instruments. Ability to operate and maintain highly specialized equipment used in the various procedures, such as autoclaves, fracture table and accessories, urology table and accessories, electrocautery units, Laparoscopic video equipment, both electric and pneumatic power equipment, such as drills, saws, reamers, and any other equipment that are used for specific procedures. Assists in circulating under the guidance of the registered nurse. Ability to operate and maintain highly specialized equipment used in the various procedures such as saws, drills, pulse evac and other equipment used in the care of the surgical patient. During operative procedures passes instruments, assists with sponge counts, is familiar with proper patient positioning and handles specimens appropriately. Prepares instruments and supplies for resterilization. Performs other related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

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SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE

1 year equivalent to at least next lower grade level

EDUCATION

Graduate education or internship meets the specialized experience required above GS-5 only in those instances where it is directly related to the work of the position

SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE: Experience that equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSAs) 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.

EDUCATION: Education and training may be substituted for experience as outlined in Operating Manual for Qualification Standards for General Schedule positions.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS: Work includes long periods of walking, standing, bending, stooping, and pushing in the process of patient care. Work requires pushing and lifting large and heavy equipment.

WORK ENVIRONMENT: On a regular and recurring basis, the employee alternates between a contaminated environment and a carefully controlled sterile environment. In both, the employee wears special clothing, hair covers, eye protection, surgical masks, and occasionally a heavy x-ray apron which can become uncomfortable and hot. Universal precautions are always used when handling contaminated instruments and equipment. The employee is subject to cuts from both sterile and contaminated instruments, and dermatitis from frequent exposure and contact with cleaning solutions. There is common exposure to contagious disease and some exposure to x-ray radiation.

EVALUATION METHOD: Applicants who meet the qualification requirements described above will be further evaluated by determining the degree to which their work experience, education, training, supervisory appraisal, awards, etc., give evidence that they possess the knowledge (K), skills (S), and abilities (A), described below. All applicants should provide clear, concise examples that show their level of accomplishment or degree to which they possess the KSAs. The information provided will be used to determine the "best qualified" candidates.

- Knowledge of sterile techniques, operative instruments and operative procedures with skills necessary to prepare the patient and operating room for a wide variety of complex extensive procedures.
- Skill in setting up and monitoring specialized equipment used in various operative procedures.
- Knowledge of safety factors pertaining to the operating room and ability to identify and provide a safe environment for the patient.
- Ability to recognize adverse signs and symptoms and to react promptly in emergency situations.
- Ability and skill in anticipating surgeon's needs and preferences for various operative procedures.
- Knowledge of all aspects of the sterilization process.

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: GS-7 is the full performance level for this position.

NOTE: This position is a detail to a Tribal organization and applicants will be subject to a Special Purpose Intergovernmental personnel agreement (IPA) or Commissioned Corps, subject to a memorandum of agreement (MOA). The IPA/MOA may be up to two years in duration and may or may not be extended upon expiration at the discretion of the Tribal organization.

This is a covered position under the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act. (P.L. 101-630). The Act requires that Minimum Standards of Character be established to ensure that none of the individuals in these positions have been found guilty of, or entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty to, any offenses under Federal, State, or tribal law involving crimes of violence; sexual assault, molestation, exploitation, contact or prostitution; or crimes against person.

NOTE: **This position can only be filled by a current Federal Civil Service employee.**

IN ADDITION: There is no difference in Office of Personnel Management and Excepted Service Standards.

TOUR OF DUTY: Employee will be required to work 12 hour rotating shifts, weekends, holidays and to be available for on call 24 hours. Emergency call is scheduled on a rotating basis, usually one night per week and one weekend every 3 to 6 weeks, this is either first or second all.