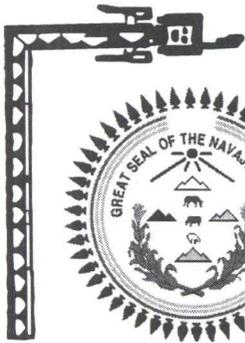


DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



NAVAJO AREA
INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE



THIS POSITION IS LOCATED IN A TOBACCO-FREE
ENVIRONMENT

Applications mailed using government postage or through an internal government mail system will not be considered.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
GA-08-097

OPENING DATE
10-06-2008

CLOSING DATE
10-27-2008

POSITION
Lead Clinical Nurse

LOCATION AND DUTY STATION

Division of Clinical Services
Emergency Room
Gallup Indian Medical Center
Gallup, New Mexico

GRADE/SALARY
GS-610-11, \$64,198.00 per annum*

NUMBER OF VACANCIES
One (MD 48 16)

*Special rate authorized under 5 USC 5305

APPOINTMENT
(X) Permanent

WORK SCHEDULE
(X) Full Time

AREA OF CONSIDERATION
(X) IHS Wide

SUPERVISORY/MANAGERIAL
(X) No

PROMOTION POTENTIAL
(X) No known potential

HOUSING
(X) Private Housing only

TRAVEL/MOVING
(X) May be paid for eligible employees

DUTIES: Assesses the patient and develops a plan of care for individual patients by interviewing the patient and family members, reviewing the patient's health record, determining and evaluating the kind of physical and health care needed. Consults with attending physicians and other staff members to determine and evaluate the kind of health and physical care needed. Collaborate with other professionals in developing a multi-disciplinary approach to provision of care. Observes and assess the patient's clinical condition – collects and interprets data from the patient's history and physical assessment. Interprets data obtained from observation, examination, monitoring, and laboratory values. Administers therapeutic measures as prescribed by the physician to include, but not limited to, medication administration, intravenous fluids, blood transfusions, treatments and maintains those measure taken which are ongoing in nature. Participate in the development, updating, and evaluation of standards of care and quality improvement monitoring. Coordinate available resources to provide patient and family with social, age specific, emotional, educational, cultural, spiritual, and physician support. Maintain patient flow and efficiently in order to ensure safety, patient confidentiality, and to expedite onset of treatment. Assigns, directs, and delegates staff according to their capabilities to meet patient needs as well as the priorities of the department. Keep SCN/ASCN and Tour Supervisor advised of all pertinent problems and/or current affairs. Serves as team leader, formulates work schedules, including shift operations as necessary; plans work assignments based on priorities, consideration of the difficulty and

requirements of assignments, and makes adjustments as needed to respond to workload demands. Ensures patient education occurs during the shift. Ensure correct narcotic count at the end of the shift. Reviews and revises nursing care plans. Work in coordination with other lead nurses from other units. Serves as a resource person, provides guidance and leadership to staff. Provide advice, assistance, counsel and instruction to nursing personnel. Handles simple, informal shift-related disciplinary problems through corrective counseling and informs supervisor/head nurse of action. Monitors and oversees staff during orientation/preceptorship periods to verify training is provided. **Work on a regularly assigned or rotational basis to provide continuity of services during days, nights, weekends, and holidays.** Participate in the preceptorship program as assigned. Performs other related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: YOUR DESCRIPTION OF WORK EXPERIENCE, LEVEL OF RESPONSIBILITY, AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS WILL BE USED TO DETERMINE THAT YOU MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS: EDUCATION: Degree or diploma from a professional nursing program approved by the legally designated State accrediting agency at the time the program was completed by the applicant.

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT FOR ALL NURSE POSITIONS: All applicants must have active, current registration as a professional nursing in a State, District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or a Territory of the United States.

IN ADDITION TO MEETING THE BASIC REQUIREMENTS: Applicants must have 52 weeks of professional nursing experience equivalent at least to GS-9 to qualify for GS-11 level.

POSITIVE EDUCATION REQUIREMENT: YES LICENSURE REQUIRED: YES

Graduate education may be substituted for experience in accordance with the OPM Handbook for General Schedule positions.

SELECTIVE PLACEMENT FACTOR: None

CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT: IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT: - All persons born after 12-31-56 must provide proof of immunity to Rubella and Measles. Serology testing to confirm immunity and/or immunizations will be provided free of charge. Special consideration may be allowed to individuals who are allergic to a component of a vaccine, have a history of severe reaction to a vaccine, or who are currently pregnant. This applies to candidates for positions in any Service Unit or any Area Office position which requires regular work at a Service Unit.

TIME-IN-GRADE REQUIREMENTS: If selected under the Excepted Service Examining Plan, applicant may be appointed under Schedule A authority without regard to Time-In-Grade Requirements. Candidates applying under the provisions of the Merit Promotion Plan for GS-11 must have completed 52 weeks of service at the GS-09 level by the closing date of this announcement.

LEGAL AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS: Proof of U.S. citizenship is required for appointment to the IHS. Candidates must meet time-after-competitive appointment, time-in-grade, and qualification requirements by the closing date of the vacancy announcement.

NOTE: Refer to OPM Operating Manual Qualification Standard for General Schedule Positions,

Series 610 for complete information. Substitution of education for experience will be made in accordance with those standards. For more complete information, contact your servicing Human Resources Office.

WHO MAY APPLY: Merit Promotion Plan (MPP) Candidates: Applications will be accepted from status eligible (e.g., reinstatement eligible and current permanent employees in the Competitive Federal Service) and from current permanent IHS employees in the Excepted Federal Service who are entitled to Indian Preference.

Excepted Service Examining Plan (ESEP) Candidates: Applications will be accepted from individuals entitled to Indian Preference. Current Permanent IHS Excepted Service employees and Competitive Service employees or Reinstatement eligible entitled to Indian Preference may also apply under the provisions of the Indian Health Service Excepted Service Examining Plan. These candidates **MUST** indicate on their application whether their application is submitted under the IHS Excepted Service Examining Plan, the IHS Area Merit Promotion Plan or both.

Applications will also be accepted from individuals eligible for non-competitive appointment (e.g., Applicants eligible for appointment under the Veterans Readjustment Act, the severely handicapped, or those with a 30% or more compensable service-connected disability.)

INFORMATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (DHHS) SURPLUS OR DISPLACED EMPLOYEES REQUESTING SPECIAL SELECTION PRIORITY CONSIDERATION:

If you are currently a DHHS employee who has received a Reduction in Force (RIF) separation notice or a Certificate of Expected Separation, you may be entitled to special priority selection under DHHS Career Transition Assistance Program (CTAP). To received this priority consideration you must:

Be a current DHHS Career or Career Conditional (tenure group I or II) competitive service employee who has received a RIF separation notice or a Certificate of Expected Separation (CES) and, the date of the RIF separation has not passed and you are still on the rolls of DHHS.

You **MUST** submit a copy of the RIF separation notice or CES along with your application.

1. Be a current DHHS career or career-conditional (tenure group I or II competitive service employee who has received a RIF separation notice or a Certificate of Expected Separation (CES) and, the date of the RIF separation has not passed and you are still on the rolls of DHHS. You **must** submit a copy of the RIF separation notice or CES along with your application.
2. Be applying for a position that is at or below the grade level of the position from which you are being separated. The position **must** not have a greater promotional than the position from which you are being separated.
3. Have a current (or last) performance rating of record of at least fully successful or equivalent. This must be submitted with your application package.
4. Be currently employed by DHHS in the same commuting area of the position for which you are requesting priority consideration.
5. File your application by the vacancy announcement closing date and meet all the application criteria (e.g., submit all required documentation, etc.)
6. Meet the basic qualifications for the position any documented selective factor, physical requirements with any reasonable accommodation and is able to satisfactorily perform the duties of the position without undue interruption.

INFORMATION FOR DISPLACED EMPLOYEES REQUESTING SPECIAL SELECTION
PRIORITY CONSIDERATION UNDER THE INTERAGENCY CAREER TRANSITION
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CITAP).

If you are a displaced Federal employee you maybe entitled to receive special priority selection under the ICTAP. To receive this priority consideration, you must:

1. Be a displaced Federal employee. You must submit a copy of the appropriate documentation such as RIF separation notice, a letter from OPM or your agency documenting your priority consideration status with your application package following categories of candidates are considered displaced employees.
 - A. Current or former career or career-conditional (tenure group I or II) competitive service employees who:
 1. Received a specific RIF separation notice; or
 2. Separated because of a compensable injury, whose compensation has been terminated, and whose former agency certifies that is unable to place; or
 3. Retired with a disability and whose disability annuity has been or is being terminated; or
 4. Upon receipt of a RIF separation notice retired on the effective date of the RIF and submits a Standard Form 50 that indicates "Retirement in lieu of RIF" or
 5. Retired under the discontinued service retirement option; or
 6. Was separated because he/she declined a transfer of function or directed reassignment to another commuting area.
 - OR**
 - B. Former Military Reserve or National Guard Technicians who are receiving a special Office of Personnel Management (OPM) disability retirement annuity under section 8337 (h) or 8456 of Title 5 United States Code.
2. Be applying for a position at or below the grade level of the position from which you have been separated the position must not have a greater promotion potential than the position from which you were separated.
3. Have current (or last) performance rating of record of at least fully successful or equivalent. This must be submitted with your application package. (This requirement does not apply to candidates who are eligible due to compensable injury or disability retirement)
4. Occupy or be displaced from a position in same local commuting area of the position for which you are requesting priority consideration.
5. File your application by the vacancy announcement closing date and meet all the application criteria (e.g. submit all required documentation, etc.).
6. Be rated well qualified **by achieving a score of 80 on a rating scale of 70 to 100** for the position including documented selective factors, quality ranking factors, physical requirements with reasonable accommodations and is able to satisfactorily perform the duties of the position upon entry.

EVALUATION CRITERIA: Evaluation will be made of Experience, Performance Appraisals, Training, Letters of Commendation, Self-Development, Awards and Outside Activities which are related to this position. To receive full credit for your qualifications, provide a narrative statement which fully describes all aspects of your background as they relate to the knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSA's) outlined below and show the level of accomplishments and degree of responsibility.

The KSA's in your narrative statement will be the principle basis for determining whether or not you are highly qualified for the position. Describe your qualifications in each of the following:

1. Ability to provide Leadership.
2. Knowledge of advanced assessment skills.
3. Knowledge of a wide range of professional nursing standards and practice.
4. Ability to work independently.
5. Ability to plan, organize work and set priorities.
6. Ability to investigate, analyze, and solve problems.
7. Ability to communicate verbally and in writing.

SEE ATTACHED SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE FOR DEFINITIONS.

HOW & WHERE TO APPLY: All applicants, must submit one of the following to the Gallup Indian Medical Center, Human Resources Office, P.O. Box 1337, Gallup, NM, 87305 by **(4:30 p.m.)** on the closing date: 10-27-2008. **FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julia Nelson at 505/722-1412. **ELECTRONIC OR TELEFAXED RESUMES OR APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

1. OF-612, Optional Application for Federal Employment; **or** SF-171, Application for Federal Employment; **or** *Resume; or any other written application format*. **See INFORMATION REQUIRED ON RESUMES AND OTHER APPLICATION FORMATS outlined below.**
2. OF-306, Declaration for Federal Employment must be completed and submitted with original signature to determine your suitability for Federal employment, to authorize a background investigation, and to certify the accuracy of all the information in your application. Responding yes to any one of these questions can make you ineligible for employment in this position. **If you make a false statement in any part of your application, you may be hired; you may be fired after you begin work; or you may be fined or jailed.**
3. A copy of an Official Bureau of Indian Affairs Preference Certificate, BIA Form 4432, signed by the appropriate BIA Official, must be submitted if the applicant claims Indian Preference. Navajo Area Indian Health Service employees claiming Indian Preference need not submit the BIA Form 4432, but must state such documentation is contained in their Official Personnel Folder.
4. DD-214, Veterans' Preference Certification, if claiming Veterans' preference. In addition, if claiming 10-point preference, submit SF-15 to show proof of 10-pt preference. Veterans' Preference is not applicable to current HHS permanent employees, federal employees with competitive status, or Reinstatement eligible.
5. Copy of latest SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action, if current or a prior federal employee.
6. Latest Performance Appraisal, if a current federal employee.
7. An Official College Transcript, to show proof of undergraduate or graduate education.

8. Supplemental Questionnaire (KSA) – failure to submit this narrative may adversely affect your ranking for this position.

***INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR RESUMES AND OTHER APPLICATION FORMATS:**

Resumes or other application formats must contain all of the information listed below in sufficient detail to enable the personnel office to make a determination that you have the required qualifications for the position. *SPECIFICALLY, THE INFORMATION PROVIDED UNDER #8 (HIGH SCHOOL), #9 (COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES) AND #10 (WORK EXPERIENCE) WILL BE USED TO EVALUATE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS POSITION. FAILURE TO INCLUDE ANY OF THE INFORMATION; LISTED BELOW MAY RESULT IN LOSS OF CONSIDERATION FOR THIS POSITION.*

1. Announcement Number, Title and Grade of the job for which you are applying;
2. Full Name, Mailing Address (with zip code) and Day and Evening Phone Numbers (with area codes);
3. Social Security Number;
4. Country of Citizenship;
5. Highest Federal civilian grade held (give series and dates held);
6. High School - Name, City, State (zip code if known), and date of Diploma or GED.
7. Colleges and Universities - Name, City, State (zip code if known), Major(s), Type and Year of degree received (If no degree show Total Semester or Quarter Hours earned).
8. Work Experience (paid and non-paid) - Job, Title, Employer's Name and Address, Supervisor's Name and Telephone Number, Description of Duties and Accomplishments, Starting and Ending dates (month/year), Average hours worked per week, and Salary.
9. Indicate if we may contact your current Supervisor;
10. Description of job-related training courses, license or certification (current only), honor, awards, special accomplishments.

NOTE: THIS OFFICE WILL NOT SOLICIT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. Applicants who submit incomplete applications will be given credit only for the information he/she provided. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the applicant to submit a complete application packet by the closing date.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION: 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.

VETERANS: Veterans who are preference eligible or who have been separated from the Armed Forces under honorable conditions after 3 years or more of continuous active service may apply.

ADDITIONAL SELECTIONS: Additional or alternative selections may be made within 90 days of the date of the certificate issued if the position becomes vacant or to fill an identical additional position in the same geographic location.

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS: Commissioned Officers may indicate an interest in being considered with the Commissioned Corps by submitting a resume to the GIMC-Human Resources Office. Commissioned Corps applicants claiming Indian Preference will be

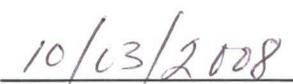
evaluated ice against the applicable Preston standard or the civil service standard, if no Preston standard exists. These applicants must describe the experience gained in their two most recent positions and dates they occupied those positions. In addition, Commissioned Corps Indian Preference applicants must also provide information regarding education, including degrees obtained and schools attended and they must include home/work telephone numbers if this information is not contained in the resumes. When required by the vacancy announcements, these applicants must provide specific information related to any knowledge, skills, and abilities which are being used as selective factors. Commissioned Corps Indian Preference applicants may also be required to submit proof of Indian Preference and proof of possession of the appropriate license.

INDIAN PREFERENCE: Preference in filling vacancies is given to qualified Indian candidates in accordance with the Indian Preference Act. In other than the above, the Indian Health Service is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

SELECTIVE SERVICE CERTIFICATION: If you are a male born after December 31, 1959 and you want to be employed by the Federal Government, you must (subject to certain exemptions) be registered with the Selective Service Systems.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: SELECTION FOR POSITIONS WILL BE BASED SOLELY ON MERIT WITH NO DISCRIMINATION FOR NON-MERIT REASONS SUCH AS RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, GENDER, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, POLITICS, MARITAL STATUS, PHYSICAL HANDICAP, AGE OR MEMBERSHIP OR NON-MEMBERSHIP IN AN EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION. PROMOTIONS OR APPOINTMENTS WILL NOT BE BASED ON PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP OR OTHER TYPES OF PERSONAL FAVORITISM OR PATRONAGE.


PERSONNEL CLEARANCE


DATE

APPLICATION AND DOCUMENT FORM MUST BE INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFIED BY EACH THIS ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER - GA-08-097. ALL ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS AND COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS ARE TO BE DUPLICATED BY THE APPLICANT BEFORE SUBMISSION AS WE DO NOT HONOR REQUESTS FOR COPIES. COMPLETED FORMS WHEN SUBMITTED BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THIS HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE AND WILL NOT BE RETURNED. ORIGINAL SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED ON SF-171 AND SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENTS. ONLY MATERIAL SUBMITTED BY THE CLOSING DATE WILL BE CONSIDERED.

SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE
LEAD CLINICAL NURSE, GS-610-11

1. **ABILITY TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP.** The person in this position must be able to provide guidance by motivating as necessary. This includes assigning, directing and delegating staff, assigning workload and overseeing operations. What in your background shows you possess this ability?

What was the duration of these activities?

Who can verify this information? (Please provide a telephone number.)

2. **KNOWLEDGE OF ADVANCED ASSESSMENT SKILLS.** This person must utilize advanced assessment skills and clinical judgment in emergency situations and be able to utilize a variety of specialized medical equipment relating to Emergency Room Department. What in your background shows you possess this knowledge?

What was the duration of these activities?

Who can verify this information? (Please provide a telephone number.)

3. **KNOWLEDGE OF A WIDE RANGE OF PROFESSIONAL NURSING STANDARDS AND PRACTICE:** This ability is having the knowledge of and the skill to apply a wide range of nursing theories and the application of techniques and skills used in the variety of clinical settings. It is the ability to apply the knowledge, skills, techniques from the theory base of all segments of nursing. What in your background shows you possess this knowledge?

What was the duration of these activities?

Who can verify this information? (Please provide a telephone number.)

4. **ABILITY TO WORK INDEPENDENTLY:** The person in this position should have the ability to independently accomplish tasks and timely work products with little or no supervision in accordance with established policies, practices, and priorities of the department. This includes the ability to plan, and organize work on one's own initiative, and seek information and assistance from sources outside the office, when necessary. What in your background shows you possess this ability?

What was the duration of these activities?

Who can verify this information? (Please provide a telephone number.)

5. **ABILITY TO PLAN, ORGANIZE WORK AND SET PRIORITIES:** This includes the ability to effectively anticipate workload demands, to establish the manner in which available resources will be utilized, and to schedule performance to best ensure that all requirements are met in a timely fashion. What in your background shows you possess this ability?

What was the duration of these activities?

Who can verify this information? (Please provide a telephone number.)

6. **ABILITY TO INVESTIGATE, ANALYZE, AND SOLVE PROBLEMS:** The person in this position should have the ability to thoroughly investigate complicated problems, situations, objectively analyze relevant information gathered and devise acceptable solutions. What in your background shows you possess this ability?

What was the duration of these activities?

Who can verify this information? (Please provide a telephone number.)

7. **ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE VERBALLY AND IN WRITING:** The person must be able to write and communicate in a variety of formats to include memorandums, policies and procedures, verbal communications and have basic computer skills. What in your background shows you possess this ability?

What was the duration of these activities?

Who can verify this information? (Please provide a telephone number.)

C-E-R-T-I-F-I-C-A-T-I-O-N

I CERTIFY that all of the statements made in the above questionnaire are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief; and are made in good faith.

Signature of Applicant (Sign in Ink)

Date