



**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
ALBUQUERQUE AREA INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE**



The Albuquerque Area Indian Health Service defines its mission as a commitment to the well-being and cultural integrity of Indian people through a participatory and consultative process.

THE ALBUQUERQUE AREA INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE IS A "TOBACCO-FREE" ENVIRONMENT

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NO. SER-09-0058-ZSU	OPENING DATE November 13, 2008	CLOSING DATE Open Until Filled
POSITION TITLE, SERIES, GRADE AND SALARY Nurse Specialist (Diabetes) GS-610-09, \$53,065 per annum GS-610-11, \$64,198 per annum (Special Salary Rate Authorized Under 5 USC 5303)	LOCATION AND DUTY STATION Division of Clinical Services Diabetes Program Zuni, NM	

AREA OF CONSIDERATION: All Sources

RELOCATION: Relocation expenses will be paid.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

- One permanent full-time position. The incumbent of this position is subject to call back and/or standby work.
- This position involves operation of government vehicle to perform duties. Must possess and maintain valid state driver's license.
- Position has promotional opportunity to: GS-11
- 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 System.
- In accordance with Chapter 12, Indian Health Manual, IHS Employee Immunization Program, selected candidate will be required to submit proof of immunity to the following diseases: Rubella and Measles.
- Before hiring, the IHS will ask you to complete a "Declaration for Federal Employment" and/or "Addendum to Declaration for Federal Employment Indian Health Service Child Care & Indian Child Care Worker Positions" to determine your suitability for federal employment, to authorize a background investigation, and to certify the accuracy of all information in your application. Under P.L. 101-630 Indian Child Protection Act, anyone who answers in the affirmative will be found ineligible and unsuitable for employment in the Indian Health Service. If you make a false statement in any part of your application, you may not be hired; you may be fired after you begin work; or you may be fined or jailed.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Provide outpatient diabetes education in the general and/or diabetes clinics. Inpatient education focus on initial learning needs of persons with newly diagnosed diabetes or complication of diabetes. Conducts nursing assessments and provides appropriate nursing care to persons with diabetes learning needs. Focus will be on persons with new diagnosis, gestational diabetes, and the self-care learning needs of persons with previous diagnosis. Assumes primary responsibility for clinic flow in the Zuni Service Unit Diabetes Clinics, including routine screening and chart review for health maintenance and flow sheet documentation. Develops criteria to monitor the care of diabetic patients and acts to update and improve the care based on the evaluation of these criteria. Provides diabetes education to individuals or groups on all phases of diabetes including prevention in hospital or community setting. Serves as primary care coordinator for integration of initial education and clinical assessment for persons with newly diagnosed diabetes. Develops new programs and updates or revises current programs as indicated by program evaluation or demographic changes in collaboration with other members of the diabetes team. Assumes primary responsibility for procuring and organizing patient education materials for timely and readily available use by

professionals and patients. This includes home monitoring equipment and supplies. Oversees a data base system, which can be used to record and retrieve relevant information about diabetic patients. Uses this database to ensure timely and efficient recall of the diabetic patient requiring follow up. As a diabetes team member, acts as liaison between the team and other health professionals or areas within the Zuni Indian Hospital, field clinics, tribal programs, the American Diabetes Association, the American Association of Diabetes Educators. Serves as independent front-line contact for referrals from the Zuni Kidney Project, initiating both the contact with the patient and the diagnostic evaluation. Records and monitors individual patient's clinical and educational progress. Employee independently contacts or informs primary provider when further testing and discussion are indicated. Participates in a role as nurse in any epidemiological investigation relating to the diabetic population. Oversees the recording of the incidence and prevalence of diabetes and its complications in the Zuni-Ramah Service Unit population. Participates in community and field screening and related educational activities. Assists with recruitment of diabetic patients and high risk individuals into diabetes control and risk reduction programs conducted at the Zuni Wellness Center. Provides direct care/services to pediatric, geriatric, adolescent and adult patients. Performs other duties as assigned.

COMPETITIVE AND EXCEPTED SERVICE QUALIFICATION 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.

Registration: Applicants must have active, current registration as a professional nurse 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:

Candidates for GS-9: 2 full years of progressively higher level graduate education or a master's or equivalent degree OR 52 weeks of experience equivalent to at least the GS-7 level.

Candidates for GS-11: Completion of all requirements for a doctoral degree (PH.D. or equivalent) or 3 full years of progressively higher level graduate education OR 52 weeks of experience equivalent to at least the GS-9 level.

Professional Nurse Experience: Demonstrated comprehensive experience in the field of diabetes, its treatment, complications, and prevention, including working with type 1 and type 2 diabetes, and diabetes in pregnancy and pre-diabetes. Experience serving in an advisory role in the area of diabetes, by providing consultation and technical guidance to professional staff or tribal community. Examples of the type of experience that will be credited as shown under "Description of Duties and Responsibilities.

SELECTIVE FACTOR: In addition to the qualification requirements, to be rated basically qualified for the position, applicants must demonstrate possession of the following knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSAs).

Verification of a current, valid, active, unrestricted license in any State, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or a territory of the United States is required when filling all positions for registered nurses at all levels.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE (PHS) LICENSURE POLICY: Each PHS Nurse must possess and maintain a valid, active, current licensure/registration as a professional nurse.

TIME-IN-GRADE REQUIREMENTS: Merit Promotion candidates must have completed at least 52 weeks of service no more than 2 grades lower than the position to be filled.

EVALUATION METHOD AND RANKING FACTORS: Evaluation will be made of the extent to which experience, education, training, self-development, performance appraisal, outside activities, and/or awards demonstrate that basically qualified candidates possess the Ranking Factors-KSAs described below. **It is to the applicant's advantage to address the following KSA's on a separate sheet of paper.**

1. Knowledge of diabetes, its prevention, treatment, education and case management.
2. Ability to provide diabetes consultation, training and technical assistance.
3. Ability to communicate verbally and in writing.

WHO MAY APPLY:

Merit Promotion Plan (MPP) Candidates: Applications will be accepted from status eligibles (e.g., reinstatement eligibles and current permanent employees in the competitive federal service) and from current permanent IHS employees in the Excepted 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 provision of the Indian Health Service Excepted Service Examining Plan.

Candidates MUST INDICATE whether their application is submitted under the IHS Excepted Service Examining Plan, the IHS Area Merit Promotion Plan, or both.

Non-Status Candidates: Applications will also be accepted from non-status candidates (individual who have never been employed by the federal government) and individuals eligible for non-competitive appointment (e.g., applicants eligible for appointment under the Veterans Readjustment Act, the severely handicapped, those with a 30% or more compensable service-connected disability).

Commissioned Corps Officers: The USPHS Commissioned Corps Officers who wish to apply for this vacancy announcement must submit a resume and all other documents specified in this announcement.

Vacancies may be filled through Office of Personnel Management's delegated Direct Hire Authority (D.H.A). The Direct Hire Authority has been authorized by the Homeland Security Act of 2002 and Part 337, Subpart B, Title 5 of the Code of Federal Regulations (5 CFR). If filled utilizing D.H.A., the following is applicable: all applicants who meet the basic qualification requirements will be forwarded to the Selecting Official for consideration. The "rule of three", Veteran's preference and traditional rating and ranking of applicants do not apply to the Direct Hire process. **Indian Preference does apply.**

Indian Preference: Indian Health Service is required by law to give absolute preference in employment to qualified Indian preference candidates.

Under the Veterans Employment Opportunities Act (VEOA), veterans who are preference eligibles or who have been separated from the armed forces under honorable conditions after 3 years or more of continuous active service may apply for permanent positions as an MPP candidate; however veterans' preference is not a factor in these appointments. Candidates must submit a copy of their DD-214 or other proof of eligibility.

Reasonable Accommodations: 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 Cynthia Tsalate (505) 782-7515. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Career Transition Assistance Program (CTAP)/Interagency Career Transition Plan (ICTAP): Surplus or displaced employees covered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services CTAP program or the ICTAP program for all agencies, may apply and will be given special selection priority if determined to be eligible and well qualified. Well qualified is defined as meeting all education, experience, knowledge's, skills and abilities (KSA's) with a score in the above average range of a four-level crediting plan for all KSA's. For information on how to apply and required proof of eligibility, please refer to the following hyperlinks: **CTAP** at <http://www.ihs.gov/JobCareerDevelop/JobAtIHS/doc/ctap.doc> and for **ICTAP** at <http://career.psc.gov/chpublic/ictap.html>

➤ Only U.S. citizens may be appointed to the competitive service.

WHERE TO APPLY:

Applications must be received at the following address:

Indian Health Service – Zuni Service Unit
SE Regional Human Resources Office
P.O. Box 467
Zuni, New Mexico 87327

For copies of vacancy announcements, download from the IHS website at www.ihs.gov or the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) website at www.usajobs.opm.gov. **FAXED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** We do not FAX vacancy announcements. For inquires, contact Cynthia Tsalate, Human Resources Specialist, 505-782-7515.

HOW TO APPLY

The federal government does not require a standard application form for most jobs, but certain information is needed to evaluate your qualifications and determine if you meet legal requirements for federal employment.

Optional Application for Federal Employment – Form Number OF-612 http://www.opm.gov/forms/pdf_fill/of612.pdf	Résumé or Other written application format with information requested below.
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If your résumé or application does not provide all the information we request, you may lose consideration for a job. Applicants who submit incomplete applications will be given credit ONLY for the information they provide and may not receive full credit for their veteran preference determination, Indian preference, education, training and/or experience.

Procedure for using résumé or other written application: Format MUST contain the following information. FAILURE TO INCLUDE ANY OF THE INFORMATION LISTED BELOW MAY RESULT IN LOSS OF CONSIDERATION FOR THIS POSITION. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL NOT BE SOLICITED BY THIS OFFICE.

- **JOB INFORMATION**
Announcement number, title and grade of the job for which you are applying.
- **PERSONAL INFORMATION**
Full name, mailing address (with ZIP codes), day and evening telephone numbers (with Area codes).
Social Security Number.
Country of citizenship.
- **EDUCATION**
High School (name, city, state, ZIP code if known), and date of diploma or GED.
College and/or universities (name, city, state ZIP code if known), majors, type and year of any degrees received (if no degree show total semester or quarter hours earned).
To obtain educational credit, applicants must submit a copy of all college transcripts.
- **WORK EXPERIENCE**
Copy of latest Notification of Personnel Action (SF-50B) if current or former federal employee.
Highest federal civilian grade held (give job series and dates held)
Work experience (paid and unpaid)
Job title (include series and grade if federal job)
Duties and accomplishments
Employer's name and address
Supervisor's name and telephone number
Starting and ending dates (month and year)
Hours per week
Salary
Indicate if we may contact your current supervisor.
- **OTHER QUALIFICATIONS**
Give dates but do not send documents unless requested
Job related training courses
Job related skills, i.e., computer software/hardware, tools, typing speed
Job related certificates and licenses (if you are a licensed medical professional, submit copy of license to practice)
Honors, awards, special accomplishments, i.e., publications, memberships, in professional or honor societies, leadership activities, public speaking, and performance awards.
- **KSA**

Submit a copy of applicable documents with your application if you are in the following categories:

COMMISSIONED OFFICER	INDIAN PREFERENCE	VETERAN PREFERENCE	FEDERAL EMPLOYEE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Current Billet description ➤ Most recent "Commissioned Officers Effectiveness Report". ➤ Child Care Statement Form ➤ Applicable Licensure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Verification of Indian Preference for employment, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Form 4432. ➤ Preference will not be given unless a copy of the BIA Form 4432 is attached to the application. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Certificates of Release or discharge from Active Duty, VA form DD-214, and/or ➤ Application for 10-point Veterans Preference, Form SF-15 and supporting documents. ➤ To receive preference if your service began October 15, 1976, you must have a Campaign Badge, Expeditionary Medal, or a service connect disability. ➤ Preference will not be given unless a copy of the DD-214 (with appropriate dates) is attached to the application. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Latest Notification of Personnel Action, SF-50B verifying civil service status, grade, etc. ➤ Current performance appraisal. ➤ Priority consideration will not be given to DISPLACED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES, unless a copy of the appropriate documentation such as a RIF separation letter, a letter from OPM or your agency documentation showing your priority consideration status, is attached to the application.