



**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-09-0086-SFSU	OPENING DATE 12-08-08	CLOSING DATE Open Until Filled
POSITION TITLE, SERIES, GRADE AND SALARY Nurse Anesthetist GS-610-12 \$98,113 per annum (Special Salary Rate Authorized Under 5USC 5303)	LOCATION & DUTY STATION Santa Fe Service Unit Clinical Services Santa Fe, New Mexico	

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.

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: The incumbent provides comprehensive anesthesia services with a high level of independence. General clinical responsibilities include but are not limited to the following: Pre-anesthesia assessment of patients; requesting laboratory/diagnostic studies for patients; administering pre-anesthetic medications; administering general anesthesia and adjuvant drugs; performing regional anesthesia techniques (subarachnoid, epidural, caudal, upper extremity, lower extremity, diagnostic and therapeutic nerve blocks, local infiltration, topical, periocular blocks, transtracheal blocks, intracapsular blocks and intercostals blocks); administering sedatives in various clinical settings; managing cardiopulmonary resuscitation; performing invasive and noninvasive monitoring; employing various airway management techniques; administering mechanical ventilation and oxygen therapy; oversight of fluid, electrolyte, and acid-base management; administering blood, blood products, and plasma expanders; placement of peripheral intravenous and arterial catheters; placement of central venous catheters; placement of pulmonary artery catheters, managing acute and chronic pain therapy; performing post anesthesia care and discharge of patients. Specific clinical responsibilities may include, but are not limited to, the following: Assessing the patients' preoperative physical status by evaluation of clinical history, physical examination and laboratory and other para-clinical studies as to determine the degree of risk involved in the planned procedures. Induces, maintains and manages general anesthesia by rectal, parenteral or inhalation routes, with or without endotracheal intubation. Monitors and supports vital functions. Facilitates surgeons' tasks by means of muscle relaxation, hyperventilation and other special techniques. Sees that patients regain control of their own vital functions at the end of the procedures by reversing drugs with appropriate antagonists, facilitating the elimination of gaseous or volatile agents, and other accepted anesthetic procedures. Participates in the immediate post-anesthetic care of surgical patients, especially in maintaining adequate airway, ventilation and oxygenation. Follows up patients in the post operative period for post-anesthetic complications. Participates in the evaluation and management of respiratory problems in critical care areas such as the urgent care department and the progressive care unit.

COMPETITIVE AND EXCEPTED SERVICE QUALIFICATION 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.

Registration: Applicants must have an 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 must have at least 52 weeks of professional nursing experience equivalent to the GS-11 level.

Professional Nurse Experience: Experience in which incumbent was responsible for administration of anesthetic agents and determining supportive treatments. Experience must also reflect usage of appropriate equipment utilized during the procedure. Examples of the types of experience which will be credited are shown under "Duties and Responsibilities".

SELECTIVE FACTORS: In addition to the qualified requirements, to be rated basically qualified for the position, applicants must demonstrate possession of the following:

1. 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.
2. Completion of nurse anesthesia educational program accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs.
3. Current certification by the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists is required when filling all positions for Certified Registered Anesthetists at all levels.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE (PHS) LICENSURE POLICY: Each PHS nurse must possess and maintain a valid, active, current license/registration as professional nurse. Each Nurse must be certified by the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists.

TIME-IN-GRADE REQUIREMENTS: Merit Promotion candidates must have completed at least 52 weeks of service no more than 1 grade 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-KSA's describe below. **It is to the applicant's advantage to address the following KSA's on a separate sheet of paper.**

1. Knowledge of anesthesia in order to assist prior, during and following its administration.
2. Knowledge of pharmacology and physiology to be able to predict and control the effects of anesthetic agents and drugs.
3. Ability to work as a team member.
4. Ability to work under pressure.
5. Ability to perform full range of anesthesia duties.

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 (individuals 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 Charlotte Yazza-Bain (505) 946-9206. 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:

Santa Fe Indian Hospital
Human Resources Office
1700 Cerrillos Road
Santa Fe, NM 87505

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 inquiries, contact Charlotte Yazza-Bain, Human Resources Specialist, 505 946-9206.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:

Verification of Indian Preference: Applicants who wish to receive Indian Preference **MUST** submit the **BIA Form 4432**, Verification of Indian Preference for Employment in BIA and IHS Only. This certifies the applicant as Indian as defined by the Indian Health Manual, Chapter 3, Indian Preference, dated March 14, 2001. **Indian Preference will not be given unless the BIA Form 4432 is attached to the application/Resume.**

OF-306, Declaration for Federal Employment. Form may be downloaded from: http://www.opm.gov/Forms/pdf_fill/of0306.pdf

Addendum to Declaration for Federal Employment IHS Child Care & Indian Child Care Worker Positions.

Copy of a valid license/registration as required by PHS Licensure Policy.

Copy of current certification by the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists.

Applicants must submit a copy of college transcripts to meet positive education requirements. **Official transcripts will be required prior to entry on duty.**

See '**HOW TO APPLY**' on the last page, for additional information.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Persons who submit incomplete applications will be given credit only for the information they provide and may not, therefore, receive full credit for their veteran preference determination, Indian preference, education, training and/or experience.

All material submitted for consideration under this announcement becomes the property of Human Resources and is subject to verification. Therefore, careful attention should be given to the information provided. Fraudulent statements or any form of misrepresentation in the application process could result in loss of consideration for this position and/or a determination of unsuitability for federal employment.

Additional or alternate selections may be made from a promotion certificate within 90 days from the date the selection certificate was issued. The positions to be filled must have the same title, series, and grade, be in the same geographic location and have the same qualification requirements. However, if there are no qualified Indian preference candidates left on the certificate, the vacancy must be re-announced.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Except for Indian preference, consideration will be given without regard to any non-merit factor such as race, color, religion, sex, national origin, partisan politics, physical or mental handicap, marital status, age, membership or non-membership in any employee organization, or sexual orientation.

HUMAN RESOURCES CLEARANCE:

/s/ Charlotte Yazza-Bain
Human Resources Specialist

12/02/08
Date

Addendum to Declaration for Federal Employment (OF 306)
Indian Health Service
Child Care & Indian Child Care Worker Positions

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Item 15a. Agency Specific Questions

Name: _____ **Social Security Number:** _____

(Please print)

Job Title in Announcement: _____ **Announcement Number:** _____

Section 231 of the Crime Control Act 1990, Public Law 101-647, requires that employment applications for Federal child care positions contain a question asking whether the individual has ever been arrested for or charged with a crime involving a child and for the disposition of the arrest or charge.

Section 408 of the Miscellaneous Indian Legislation, Public Law 101-630, contains a related requirement for positions in the Department of Health and Human Services that involve regular contact with or control over Indian children. The agency must ensure that persons hired for these positions have not been found guilty of or pleaded nolo contendere or guilty to certain crimes.

To assure compliance with the above laws, the following questions are added to the Declaration for Federal Employment:

1) Have you ever been arrested for or charged with a crime involving a child? YES _____ NO _____

[If AYES@, provide the date, explanation of the violation, disposition of the arrest or charge, place of occurrence, and the name and address of the police department or court involved.]

2) Have you ever been found guilty of, or entered a plea of nolo contendere (no contest) or guilty to, any felonious or misdemeanor offense under Federal, State, or tribal law involving crimes of violence; sexual assault, molestation, exploitation, contact or prostitution; or crimes against persons; or offenses committed against children? YES _____ NO _____

[If AYES@, provide the date, explanation of the violation, disposition of the arrest or charge, place of occurrence, and the name address of the police department or court involved.]

I certify that (1) my response to these questions is made under penalty of perjury, which is punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 or 5 years imprisonment, or both; and (2) I have received notice that a criminal check will be conducted. I understand my right to obtain a copy of any criminal history report made available to the Indian Health Service and my right to challenge the accuracy and completeness of any information contained in the report.

Applicant's Signature

(sign in ink)

Date

Public Burden Statement: In accordance with Paperwork Reduction Act (5 CFR 1320.8 (b)(3)), a Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Respondents must be informed (on the reporting instrument, in instructions, or in a cover letter) the reasons for which the information will be collected; the way the information will be used to further the proper performance of the functions of the agency; whether responses to the collection of the information are voluntary, required to obtain a benefit (citing authority), or mandatory (citing authority); and the nature and extent of confidentiality to be provided, if any (citing authority). Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the necessary data, and completing and reviewing the collection information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information to the IHS PRA Information Collection Clearance Staff, 12300 Twinbrook Parkway, Suite 450, Rockville, MD 20852.
Please do not send completed data collection instruments to this address.

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.

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	VETERANS 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.