U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
IHS Southwest Regional HR Office
Phoenix Service Unit, Phoenix Indian Medical Center Servicing Office
1616 E. Indian School Rd., Suite 360 E
Phoenix, AZ 85016

Preference in filling vacancies is given to qualified Native American Indian Candidates or Alaska Natives in accordance with the INDIAN PREFERENCE ACT, TITLE 25, US CODE, SECTION 472 & 473. In order than the above, the Indian Health Service is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER:	OPENING DATE:	CLOSING DATE:
SWR-09-0305	05/01/2009	05/22/2009

POSITION TITLE/SERIES/GRADE:	Optometrist (Clinical) GS-662-11
STARTING SALARY:	GS-11: $57,511 - $74,759 per annum
PROMOTION POTENTIAL:	None
SUPERVISORY/MANAGERIAL:	No
RELOCATION EXPENSES:	Travel to be paid in accordance with Federal Travel Regulations
HOUSING:	Private Housing Only.
APPOINTMENT/WORK SCHEDULE:	One Permanent Full-Time
AREA OF CONSIDERATION:	Government-Wide
DUTY LOCATIONS:	Phoenix Indian Medical Center, Eye and ENT Department

JOB DESCRIPTION: This position is located in the Eye and ENT Department of the Phoenix Indian Medical Center. Provides direct patient care to patients. This position works in a program which consists of refraction service, dispensing, fitting and follow-up services for adults and children of all ages. Includes contact lens evaluation and fitting, the application of advanced instrumentation, procedures and techniques and the detection and correction of unusual visual deficiencies. Formulates and develops the program to meet the visual needs of the local service unit. Refers to appropriate medical consultant those medical conditions identified for further treatment. Instructs and periodically follows up on patients requiring orthoptic and/or visual training. Formulates and develops educational programs directed to the hospital staff, tribal health workers, patients and families regarding value of visual aids, care of glasses, etc. Maintains current records of cases, visits and actively participates in Service Unit program planning for eye care. Represents the Phoenix Indian Medical Center as required and participates in meeting and conferences with other federal, state and private agencies. Performs other related duties as assigned.

WHO MAY APPLY: Merit Promotion and Excepted Service Eligible Candidates. U.S. citizenship is required.

- Excepted Service Examining Plan Candidates (ESEP) – Individuals entitled to Indian Preference who wish to be considered for excepted appointment in IHS, under authority of 5 CFR, Part 213, Schedule A 213.3116(B)(8).
- Merit Promotion Plan Candidates (MPP) – Current permanent competitive Federal status employees, reinstatement eligible, and current IHS Indian Preference individuals and/or individuals who are eligible for excepted appointment in IHS under some other authority (e.g., handicapped authority, etc).
- PHS Commissioned Corps Officers – Current active or inactive Commissioned Officers may apply.
- Veteran's Preference - Preference eligible veterans who have been separated from the armed forces under honorable conditions after 3 years or more of continuous active service may apply.
- Applications will be accepted from 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). 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.
- Applications will be accepted from all U.S. Citizens and will be evaluated under competitive Office of Personnel Management Delegated Examining Authority and will be rated and ranked per the Delegated Examining federal regulations. Please note if applicants wish to be considered under the Indian Health Service Delegated Examining please apply to vacancy announcement **SWR-09-0305-DE.**

Indian Preference applicants must indicate on their applications whether they are applying under the MPP, ESEP, or both. If not indicated, they will be considered under the MPP.

Qualified disabled applicants (Rehabilitation Act of 1973) and disabled veterans with 30% or more disability are encouraged to apply. Reasonable accommodations will be made for qualified applicants with disabilities, except when doing so would impose undue

hardship on the Indian Health Service.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

1. Selectee(s) are required to be immunized against Measles and Rubella and provide documentation prior to or at the time of their start date. Special consideration may be allowed to individuals who are allergic to a component of the vaccine or are currently pregnant. Selectee must have documented immunity to Rubella and Measles.
2. Selectee(s) are required to complete Security questionnaire and fingerprint chart for investigative purposes under PL 101-630 Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act. Persons, who have been arrested for or charged with a crime involving a child, or violent crime against a person, are not eligible for employment with IHS under PL 101-630.
3. Selectee(s) are required to complete a "Declaration of Federal Employment – Optional Form 306" to determine your suitability for Federal Employment, and to certify the accuracy of all the information in your application. Persons making false statements in any part of the application may not be hired; or fired after employment starts; or may be fined.
4. Males born after December 31, 1959 are required to be registered with the Selective Service System in order to be eligible for employment with the Federal Government.
5. Selectee(s) are required to have a viable bank account at a financial institution for electronic direct deposit of salary payment.
6. Some service units operate under extended service hours 7 days per week.
7. The incumbent may be required to travel and must possess a valid driver's license.
8. Selectee may require access to the Unified Financial Management System (UFMS) and will require Level V or Level VI Background/Security clearance.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: Applicants must be able to perform the tasks of the position. Rating will be based on the following elements:

GRADE	EDUCATION	AND	SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE
GS-11	See "Basic Requirement" below.		1 year of professional optometrist experience equivalent to at least the GS-9 level.

Basic Requirements:

Degree: Doctor of Optometry (O.D.) accredited by the Council on Optometric Education.

Licensure: Current license to practice optometry in a State, the District of Columbia, or a territory is required, except for those research positions that do not entail patient care responsibilities

Applicants who meet the basic requirements qualify for GS-9.

In addition to meeting the basic entry qualification requirements, applicants must have specialized experience directly related education.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS for Grade GS-11 and Above:

For GS-11: One year of professional optometrist experience equivalent to at least GS-9 that demonstrated the ability to perform the work of the position to be filled. For example, for industrial optometrists, the applicant's experience must have demonstrated skill in developing or applying methods, procedures, or devices for protection of employees engaged in eye-hazardous work.

Specialized Experience: Experience that equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities 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 in the normal line of progression for the occupation in the organization.

Examples of Specialized Experience: Provides direct patient care to patients in a responsible, respectful, and caring manner, and responsible for planning and coordinating optometric care for a complex service unit. Tasks are of greater than average complexity and administrative difficulty, (extraordinarily large size, diverse locations, or number of tribal governments). Works in a program which consists of refraction service, dispensing, fitting and follow-up services for adults and children of all ages. Includes contact lens evaluation and fitting, the application of advanced instrumentation, procedures and techniques and the detection and correction of unusual visual deficiencies

Selective Placement Factor: None

Your description of work experience, level of responsibility, and accomplishments will be used to determine that you meet these requirements.

TIME IN GRADE: Candidates must have completed at least one year of service in a position no more than one grade lower than the position to be filled. (If selected under the Excepted Service Examining Plan, such individuals may be appointed under Schedule A authority without regard to Time-In-Grade requirements.)

LEGAL AND REGULATORY REQUIRMENTS: Candidates must meet time-after competitive appointment, time-in-grade, and qualification requirements within 30 calendar days after the closing date of the vacancy announcement.

METHODS OF EVALUATION: Evaluation is made on the basis of appropriate education, experience, performance appraisals, training, self-development, outside activities and special awards. Experience related to tribal involvement and to Indian community projects will also be evaluated. Applicants will also be evaluated on the following ranking factors, i.e., Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (KSA's).

SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE on KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES (KSA): On a separate sheet of paper, discuss how you performed (or have potential to develop) the particular knowledge, skill, or abilities listed below. (Failure to submit written responses as part of your application may result in an ineligible rating.)

1. Knowledge of professional optometric principles and procedures with extensive eye care skills and clinical experience including operation of specialized equipment in providing specialized comprehensive eye care.
2. Knowledge of optometry to include the ability to collect, interpret, and evaluate pertinent clinical data to determine patients clinical status of diagnosis.
3. Knowledge of eyeglass and medication prescribing techniques.
4. Knowledge of a wide variety of medical and surgical disorders, the normal course of disease, anticipated complications and indicated therapeutic interventions.
5. Ability to facilitate communications between the Eye Service and health care professionals in coordinating scheduling of field health clinics to patients with appropriate follow-up.

HOW TO APPLY/REQUIRED FORMS (Incomplete applications will not be considered):

1. Applicants may use one of the following to apply: (1) OF-612 Optional Application for Federal Employment, **or** (2) Resume (see requirements in **Attachment A**).
2. If claiming Indian Preference, BIA 4432 "Verification of Indian Preference for Employment in BIA and IHS".
3. If claiming Veteran's Preference, copy of DD-214 Form, and SF-15 if claiming 10 point Veteran's Preference.
4. Copy of latest Personnel Action (SF-50), if a current or former employee, and/or if requesting Reinstatement Eligibility.
5. Copy of the most recent performance appraisal, if a current Federal employee.
6. Copies of college transcripts. Education will not be given credit without them. To claim credit or if you are substituting education for experience, you are required to provide evidence of the education by providing a copy of your official transcripts. No credit will be given without your transcripts.
7. Copy of current unrestricted Medical License, if applicable.
8. If applicable, written responses to the Selective Placement Factor (SPF). In order to be considered you are required to provide a written narrative for each SPF. See contents of Vacancy Announcement.
9. Addendum to Declaration for Federal Employment (OF 306) form (Child Care & Indian Child Care Worker Positions - PL 101-630 Questionnaire - **form attached**).
10. Completed Selective Service Registration Form (**form attached**).
11. Written Responses to the Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (KSA) - (**OPTIONAL** ~ failure to submit may result in an ineligible rating or substantially lower score).
12. Identify typing proficiency, if applicable. See contents of Vacancy Announcement.
13. Commissioned Corps Officer: (1) Curriculum Vitae, (2) Medical License, (3) Addendum to Declaration for Federal Employment (OF 306) form (Child Care & Indian Child Care Worker Positions - PL 101-630 Questionnaire - **form attached**, (4) Latest COER, (5) Current Billet Description, and (6) BIA FORM 4432, if claiming Indian Preference.

Application and required forms must be identified by this announcement number and submitted to the address below:

ATTN: SWR-09-0305
Office of Human Resources
Phoenix Indian Medical Center
1616 E. Indian School Rd., Suite 360E
Phoenix, AZ 85016

Phone: (602) 248-4180
Fax: (602) 248-4182

Faxed applications will be accepted up to 11:59 pm, Arizona Time, of the closing date of this announcement. Mailed or hand carried applications must be received by 4:30 pm on the closing date of this

announcement. It is your responsibility to assure that your application package is complete.

Facsimile is acceptable – this office is not responsible for incomplete transmissions. All submitted materials are subject to retention by this office. You should duplicate and retain copies, since requests for copies will not be honored. Additional information regarding Federal job opening can be obtained at www.opm.gov, or at USAJOBS www.usajobs.opm.gov or check the IHS Website at www.ihs.gov. All documents are subject to the provision of the Privacy Act (PL 93-579) and become the property of Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Additional selections of candidates may be possible within 90 days from the date the certificate of eligible candidates is issued for this announcement, for filing additional or similar positions.

Human Resource Specialist: (Call 602-248-4180 to contact a Human Resources Specialist.) Date: 5/1/2009

ATTACHMENT A

Resume Requirements - Your resume or other application format must contain the following information to allow for qualification determination.

- Identify your application/resume by the announcement number, title and grade(s)
- Full Name (first, middle, last ~ include other names used, i.e., maiden name)
- Mailing Address
- Phone Number where you can be reached
- Email Address (if applicable)
- Social Security Number
- Country of citizenship
- Education: list high school and colleges attended, type of degree (list major) received, date of degrees conferred, and city and state of school.
- Work Experience: (include non-paid work as well as paid)

- Job Title (if Federal employment, indicate series and grade)
- Duties and Accomplishments
- Employer's name and Address
- Employer's name and phone number
- Starting and ending dates of employment (month/year)
- Hours of work per week
- Salary
- Indicate if you do not want us to contact your current supervisor (if not specified, it will be assumed that we may do so)

- List job related training (title, year obtained, hours of training)
- Honors or awards received
- License or certificates obtained (submit with application)
- Special accomplishments (i.e., publications, memberships, leadership and community recognition, etc).

Indicate if you do not want your current supervisor contacted for reference purposes.

ATTACHMENT B

1. You may be eligible for special selection priority consideration under the Career Transition Assistant Program (CTAP) if you are a current career or career-conditional (tenure group I or II) employee of the DHHS Agency at the GS-15 grade level or below or equivalent, and who has received a specific RIF separation notice or a Certificate of Expected Separation indication your job is surplus, or notice of removal for declining a directed reassignment or transfer of function outside the local commuting area. To qualify for special selection priority consideration under CTAP you MUST also meet the criteria shown in paragraph 3 below.

2. You may be eligible for special selection priority consideration under the Interagency Career Transition Assistance Program (ICTAP) if you are a current or former career-conditional (tenure group I or II) employee of any agency in the competitive service at the GS-15 grade level or below or equivalent, who has received a specific RIF separation notice or a notice of proposed removal for declining a directed reassignment or transfer of function outside the local commuting area. You may also be eligible if you were separated because of a compensable injury and your compensation has been terminated; or you retired with a disability and your disability annuity has been or is being terminated; or you were in receipt of a RIF separation notice and retired on the effective date of the RIF or under discontinued service; or you are a former Military Reserve Technician or National Guard Technician who is receiving a special disability retirement annuity from OPM. To qualify for special selection priority consideration under ICTAP you MUST also meet the criteria shown in paragraph 3 below.

3. To qualify for special selection priority consideration under CTAP or ICTAP for this vacancy, you MUST also meet ALL of the following:

   (a) Have a current or last performance rating of record of at least fully successful or equivalent. A copy MUST be submitted with your application package. (Note: this requirement does not apply to candidates who are eligible due to compensable injury or disability retirement).

   (b) Be applying for a position at or below the grade level from which you will be, or have been separated, and which does not have a greater promotion potential that the position from which you will be, or have been separated.

   (c) Occupy or be displaced from a position in the same local commuting area of the position for which you are requesting priority consideration.

   (d) File your application by the vacancy announcement closing date and meet all the applicable criteria. Your application MUST include ALL documents that support your claim of eligibility for priority consideration – RIF separation notice, or notice of proposed removal for declining a directed reassignment or transfer of function to another commuting are; SF-50 Notification of Personnel Action, showing that they were separated as a result of RIF, or declining a transfer of function or directed reassignment to another area; official certification from an agency stating that it cannot place an individual whose injury compensation has been or is being terminated; or official notification from the Military Department or National Guard Bureau that the employee has retired under 5 USC 8337(h) Or 8456.

   (e) Be rated "well qualified" for this position. A numerical rating of 85 is considered to be well qualified for this position.

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT OF SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION STATUS

If you are a male born after December 31, 1959, and are at least 18 years of age, civil service employment law {5 U.S.C. 3328} requires that you must be registered with the Selective Service law, unless you meet certain exemptions under Selective Service law. If you are required to register but knowingly and willfully fail to do so, you are ineligible for employment by executive agencies of the Federal Government.

CERTIFICATION OF REGISTRATION STATUS

Check one:

☐ I certify I am registered with the Selective Service System.

☐ I certify I have been determined by the Selective Service to be exempt from the registration provisions of Selective Service law.

☐ I certify I have not registered with the Selective Service System.

☐ I certify I have not reached my 18th birthday and understand I am required by law to register at that time.

NON-REGISTRANTS UNDER AGE 26

If you are under age 26 and have not registered as required, you should register promptly at a United States Post Office or consular office if you are outside the United States.

NON-REGISTRANTS AGE 26 OR OVER

If you were born in 1960 or later, are 26 years of age or older, and were required to register but did not do so, you can no longer register under Selective Service law. According, you are not eligible for appointment to an executive agency unless you can prove to the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) that your failure to register was neither knowing nor willful. You may request an OPM decision through the agency that was considering you for employment by returning this statement with your written request for an OPM determination together with an explanation and documentation you wish to furnish to prove that your failure to register was neither knowing nor willful.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Because information on your registration status is essential for determining whether you are in compliance with 5 U.S.C. 3328, failure to provide the information requested by this statement will prevent any further consideration of your application for appointment. This information is subject to verification with the Selective Service System and may be furnished to other Federal agencies for law enforcement or other authorized use in implementing this law.

FALSE STATEMENT NOTIFICATION

A false statement may be grounds for not hiring you, or for firing you if you have already begun work. Also, you may be punished by fine or imprisonment (Section 1001 of title 18, United States Code).

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Legal signature of individual {please use ink}

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Date signed {please use ink}

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 of Announcement: OPTOMETRIST **Announcement Number:** SWR-09-0305

Section 231 of the Crime Control Act of 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, requires a criminal record check 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 to violent 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 **YES**, provide date, explanation of the violation, disposition of the arrest or charge, place of occurrence, and the name and address of the police department or current court involved.]*

2) Have you ever been found guilty of, or entered in 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, contact or prostitution, or crimes against persons? *YES* _____ *NO* _____

*[If **YES**, provide date, explanation of the violence, description of the arrest or charge, place of occurrence, and the name and 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.***

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