

ANNOUNCEMENT INTERNAL TITLE 38 VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Announcement Number:	T38-2004-109	Opening Date:	10/14/04	Closing Date:	11/04/04
Position/Position Number:	CORRECTIVE THERAPIST, GS-635-7 (PD# 2173), Target 9, Target 10; GS-635-9 (PD# 6721) Target 10; GS-635-10 (#2083A)		Organizational Location:	PHYSICAL MEDICINE & REHABILITATION SERVICE Duty Station: WACO ICF	
Salary Range:	GS-7: \$33,071 - \$42,993 Per Annum GS-9: \$40,454 - \$52,591 Per Annum GS-10: \$44,550 - \$57,914 Per Annum (INCLUDES 10.90% LOCALITY COMPARABILITY PAY)		Area of Consideration:	CURRENT PERMANENT EMPLOYEES OF CTVHCS AND CURRENT PERMANENT VETERANS CANTEEN SERVICE EMPLOYEES MAY APPLY FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER THIS VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT.	

Duties and Responsibilities:

Hours of duty: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Incumbent is responsible for developing, organizing, and administering kinesiotherapy programs in various areas, i.e., general medicine and surgical, psychiatric, cardiac rehabilitation, blind rehabilitation, and specialty programs (i.e., PACT, HISA). Gathers pre-evaluation data, interprets medical record documentation, reviews therapy prescriptions, and evaluates the patient to develop and implement a treatment plan. Frequently interprets and reports to the physician the treatment reactions which have medical significance and diagnostic value. Incumbent administers therapeutic exercise that strengthens debilitated muscles resulting from prolonged bedrest, amputation, stroke, fractures, and joint replacement. Coordinates the overall treatment plan with the patient's family/caregiver to provide a program which focuses on treatment goals. Treats patients from age specific groups: Adult 25-64 and Geriatric 65 and over, both inpatients and outpatients from all areas of this Medical Center including patients with specialty diagnoses from various medical, psychiatric, intermediate care treatment units. Coordinates all prosthetic requests for all types of patients to provide special devices that assist in ambulation performance or other functional activities of daily living. Functions as a core team member of the multidisciplinary team for the purpose of providing total health care delivery to the patient and continuity of care by sharing ideas and exchanging pertinent information. Therapist continuously monitors patient's progress, status, and re-evaluates performance to assure treatment objectives are attained. Therapist conducts training and orientation for KT in specific areas of expertise for staff and students.

Qualification Requirements:

Qualifications are derived from VA Handbook 5005, Part II, Appendix F19, Qualification Standard for Corrective Therapist, GS-635 Series, dated April 15, 2002. Basic Requirements: Degree in corrective therapy, physical education, or physical therapy. At the GS-10 level, must have one (1) year of specialized experience equivalent to the GS-9 level. Specialized experience is experience in 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. **MUST MEET TIME-IN-GRADE REQUIREMENTS OF ONE YEAR AT THE GS-9 LEVEL.**

Rating and Ranking:

Qualified candidates will be rated and ranked on the following knowledge, skills, and abilities:

- a. Knowledge of advanced theories, principles, concepts, procedures/techniques, and of kinesiotherapy to administer the rehabilitation process for difficult mixed diagnostic categories of patients with every complex medical, physical, and mental deficiencies.
- b. Knowledge of medical terminology and ability to interpret physician prescriptions and to formulate a treatment plan which will meet prescribed activities/goals.
- c. Knowledge of human anatomy/physiology and exercise physiology.
- d. Knowledge and skill to design, devise, and/or adapt equipment to facilitate attainment of treatment objectives.
- e. Specialized knowledge of adapted swimming and equipment for use with severely disabled and mentally handicapped patients.
- f. Knowledge of safety precautions and contraindications for particular disabilities and diagnosis.

Permanent employees who wish to be considered for this position must obtain necessary forms through the internet address: <http://www.texvet.com/HRMS/forms.htm>. **VA FORM 5-4078 MUST BE RECEIVED IN HRMS, TEMPLE, BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON CLOSING DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT. VA FORMS 5-4676A AND 5-4667B MUST BE RECEIVED WITH SEVEN (7) CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE CLOSING DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT. It is your responsibility to assure that your Official Personnel Folder (OPF) is current and shows all work experience and credentials prior to the closing date of the announcement.** Refer all questions to Robert Rodriguez, Jr., Human Resources Specialist, 254-743-2873.

NOTE: 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 accommodation will be on a case-to-case basis.

THIS IS A **BARGAINING** UNIT POSITION. CTVHCS IS A SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT.

IF PATIENT NEEDS ARISE, THE INCUMBENT OF THE ABOVE POSITION MAY BE REASSIGNED TO ANOTHER FACILITY WITHIN THE CENTRAL TEXAS VETERANS HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: ACTIONS TO FILL THIS POSITION WILL NOT BE BASED ON DISCRIMINATORY FACTORS, WHICH ARE PROHIBITED BY LAW.

