



Colorado Air National Guard

Traditional

Position Announcement

COANG 23-083



<https://coang.joint.afpims.mil/Jobs/Air-Traditional/>

POSITION TITLE: Respiratory Care Practitioner	AFSC: 4H071	OPEN DATE: 28-Nov-23	CLOSE DATE: 12-Jan-26
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UNIT OF ACTIVITY/DUTY LOCATION: 140 Medical Group DET 1 Buckley AFB, CO 80011	GRADE REQUIREMENT: Minimum: E5 Maximum: E7
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SELECTING SUPERVISOR: Lt Col Jessica Hegewald	VACANCY TBD	PHYSICAL PROFILE: <i>(Officer N/A)</i> PULHES – 333333 X Factor – G ASVAB – G 50
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AREAS OF CONSIDERATION

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traditional	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nationwide (Military eligible for membership in the COANG)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Current COANG members	<input type="checkbox"/> Commissioning Opportunity
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enlisted	<input type="checkbox"/> Officer

All applicants MUST meet the grade requirement and physical/medical requirements outlined

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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1. Specialty Summary. Performs and manages and evaluates patient care and treatment of beneficiaries to include flying and special operational duty personnel in cardiopulmonary laboratory functions and activities as Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT). Performs and directs support activities for patient care environments, including contingency operations and disasters. Related DoD Occupational Subgroup: 130000.
2. Duties and Responsibilities:
 - 2.1. Respiratory Care Services: Supports life by management of invasive/non-invasive mechanical ventilation of neonates, pediatrics and/or adults. Performs comprehensive assessment of patient's cardiopulmonary status. Assists physicians to establish and maintain artificial airways. Administers aerosol therapies (bland, medicated, and metered dose). Performs airway clearance techniques, such as oral, nasal, and tracheal suctioning; coughing; deep breathing instruction; exercises and chest physical therapy. Performs lung expansion techniques. Monitors physiological responses to therapies to include vital signs, arterial blood gases, and blood chemistry changes. Determines needs related to the frequency and duration of the treatment regime ordered by the physician. Interprets clinical data and recommends additional procedures and/or pharmacologic interventions to physicians. Assists physicians with the performance of procedures, such as intubation/extubation, chest tube/arterial line insertions, weaning from patients from ventilators, etc. Communicates with multidisciplinary care team about discrepancies and concerns. Evaluates effects of respiratory therapy treatment plan by observing, noting, and evaluating patient's progress. Immediately reports adverse reactions following established mechanisms. Responds to emergent situations in the hospital and assists with providing cardiopulmonary resuscitation and advanced cardiovascular life support. Provides education and instruction to patients, family, staff, and students about theory, therapy and equipment used in Respiratory Therapy procedures and techniques, and documents as required. Documents patient care services by charting in patient and department records. Ensures operation of equipment by completing preventive maintenance requirements; follows manufacturer's instructions; troubleshoots malfunctions; turns in equipment for repairs. Maintains safe and clean working environment by complying with procedures, rules, and regulations. Protects patients and employees by adhering to infection-control policies and protocols. Maintains professional and technical knowledge by attending educational workshops, reviewing professional publications, establishing personal networks, and participating in professional societies. Practices safety and security measures.
 - 2.2. Pulmonary Laboratory Clinical Services: Pulmonary laboratory technicians assist physicians through a variety of non-invasive and invasive procedures to diagnose and treat pulmonary disorders.
 - 2.3. Pulmonary Functions technician: Conducts pulmonary function testing to include but not limited to: spirometry, flow volume loops with and without bronchodilator, Broncho provocation, exercise testing, lung capacity and diffusion capacity to gather data for use by physician. Performs arterial blood gas puncture and analyses, six-minute walk tests, pulse oximetry studies, oxygen therapy, and nebulizer treatments. Maintains quality control of arterial blood gas machines and CO-oximeters, including proficiency testing. Performs asthma evaluations. Assists physicians in special procedures such as therapeutic/diagnostic bronchoscopies and thoracotomies. Maintains pulmonary function equipment and associated supplies. Observes and records readings and conveys findings of tests and analyses to physician for interpretation.
 - 2.4. Polysomnography: Provides evaluation and treatment of sleep disorders including in-center testing, diagnostic and therapeutic interventions, comprehensive patient care and direct patient education. Performs, analyzes, and reports a wide range of sleep lab studies.
 - 2.5. Cardiology Laboratory Clinical Services: Cardiovascular technicians assist physicians using a variety of non-invasive and invasive procedures to diagnose and treat heart disease and vascular problems.
 - 2.6. Non-invasive Cardiology technician: Performs, analyzes, and reports a variety of tests to include electrocardiograms (ECGs) and ambulatory monitoring to assist physicians with diagnosing heart problems. Administers stress tests to check heart functioning during exercise or with a pharmacological agent.
 - 2.7. Echocardiograph technician: Prepares patients and diagnostic equipment for ultrasound imaging procedures and explains procedures to patients. Assists physician with trans-esophageal and stress echocardiography and helps interpret data. Assesses heart structures and blood flow via 2-D, m-mode, Doppler, and contrast color modalities. Ensures records are properly recorded.
 - 2.8. Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory technician: Prepares Cardiac Catheterization Lab and assists physician during procedures. Operates X-ray and physiological monitoring equipment. Ensures equipment is in working order and ready for use. Assists in placing specialized equipment and instruments into cardiovascular system for diagnosis and therapy, including cardiac pacemakers and intraaortic balloon pumps. Uses imaging equipment to help the physician detect and treat heart and blood vessel issues within the patient.

DUTIES and RESPONSIBILITIES (Cont'd):

2.9. Performs respiratory care practitioner, cardiology, and pulmonary administrative, maintenance, and support functions. Inspects and ensures equipment is calibrated to manufacturer's specifications. Cleans, disinfects, and sterilizes (or prepares for sterilization) cardiopulmonary equipment. Adheres to infection control policies. Operationally checks and inspects equipment. Determines inventory level of disposable supplies, stocks accordingly, and returns excess stock. Prepares equipment requisitions. Maintains CPR cart. Ensures emergency equipment is available and functional. Schedules patients for evaluations, procedures, and treatments. Obtains medical records. Greets patients and answers telephone. Practices patient and coworker sensitivity. Assists with transportation of patients to and from hospitals, and those in air evacuation system requiring mechanical ventilation. Maintains general correspondence, files, records, and reports. Provides biometric data.

2.10. Manages respiratory care practitioner, cardiology, and pulmonary functions and activities. Develops staffing requirements. Determines work priorities, methods, and procedures. Monitors effectiveness of staff training programs. Develops operating instructions and determines policies. Prepares budget requirements. Evaluates, budgets, and justifies new equipment purchases. Establishes and maintains publications library. Ensures compliance with credentialing agency standards. Participates in and manages quality assurance and improvement (QA&I) efforts. Directs on-going continuing education and in-services, developed in part from QA&I findings. Ensures implementation of disaster and emergency plans, as well as safety and security. Collects, analyzes, and reports biometric data. Processes collected data for physician interpretation.

SPECIALTY QUALIFICATIONS:

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Interested applicants who meet the eligibility criteria listed in this announcement may apply by submitting the below listed documents to the location below. Complete applications must be received no later than 2359 on or before the closing date.

Selecting officials have the right to hold package review boards prior to in-person interviews

Incomplete packages will not be considered for the position vacancy

1. Cover Letter identifying the position you are applying for.
2. Civilian or Military Resume.
3. CURRENT (w/in 90 days) Records Review RIP (available on vMPF via AF Portal).
4. CURRENT Points Credit Summary (available on vMPF via AF Portal).
5. CURRENT and PASSING Report of Individual Fitness (from myFitness)
6. Additional requirements:

Add any other documentation you want provided.

*****SUBMIT ELECTRONIC ONLY*****

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions on package submission you may contact 970-302-0994 or email to the below email addresses. If you have any position related questions please contact the selecting supervisor.

E-MAIL APPLICATIONS TO MPS:

140.WG.HRO.AGR.Office.Org@us.af.mil

OR:

SUBMIT APPLICATIONS VIA

AMRDEC SAFE: <https://safe.apps.mil/>

140.WG.HRO.AGR.Office.Org@us.af.mil

REMARKS

Federal law prohibits the use of government postage for submission of applications.

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All applicants will be protected under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Eligible applicants will be considered without regard to race, age, religion, marital status, national origin, political affiliation or any other non-merit factor. Due to restrictions in assignment to certain units and AFSC/MOS some positions may have gender restrictions.