

TRADITIONAL OFFICER VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE
TEXAS AIR NATIONAL GUARD

Announcement#: 149- 17-41

POSITION: Optometrist

AFSC: 42E3

GRADE: Initial Commission - O-5

POSITION #: 09576080J (**Excess**)

LOCATION: 149th Medical Group
JBSA-Lackland, TX

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CLOSING DATE: Until Filled

HOW TO APPLY: All applicants must contact the 149th Fighter Wing Designated Officer Recruiter (DOR), MSgt Juan A. Flores III at 210-925-6016 or email at juan.a.flores72.mil@mail.mil to complete the ANG Officer Prequalification Process. The process application must be completed in order to be considered for this position.

PERSONAL INTERVIEWS: Applicants must be available for an interview. Applications will be reviewed and qualified applicants will be notified to meet the selection board. Applicants will be notified by phone of interview time and place. Payment for travel **IS NOT AUTHORIZED.**

REASONABLE COMMUTING DISTANCE: Selectees will normally be filled from personnel who are within or are willing to move within reasonable commuting distance of the military unit (Not to exceed 50 miles).

All applicants will receive consideration for this position without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, sex, and other non-merit factors.

*****SEE BELOW FOR SUMMARY OF MINIMUM POSITION QUALIFICATIONS*****

MINIMUM POSITION QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Specialty Summary. Examines, diagnoses, treats and manages diseases and disorders of the visual system, the eye and associate structures as well as diagnoses related systemic conditions. Serves as an integral part of the military health team and an entry point into the military health care system. The scope of optometric practice in the Air Force includes but is not limited to comprehensive primary eye care services, i.e., evaluations, diagnoses and treatment, for all eligible patient beneficiary categories; comprehensive specialty services, including contact lenses, low vision and vision training; co-management of ocular surgery and ocular complications of systemic illness in the inpatient and outpatient setting; primary eye care consultant for other health care professionals in the military health care system; promoting prevention and wellness, vision conservation, education and training activities, vision screenings, and positive health behaviors. Related DoD Occupation Group: 260804.

2. Duties and Responsibilities:

2.1. Examines eyes and vision. Examines, diagnoses, treats, and manages diseases and disorders of the visual system, the eye, and associated structures, as well as diagnosis of related systemic conditions utilizing refractive, pharmaceutical, and rehabilitative (low vision, contact lens, and binocular vision) procedures.

2.2. Prescribes treatment. Utilizes and prescribes pharmaceutical agents for the examination of the eye and adnexa as well as treatment and management of vision disorders, diseases, and conditions of the eye and adnexa. Utilizes and prescribes ophthalmic and other rehabilitative prosthetic devices (such as spectacles, contact lenses, low vision devices) and trains in their use.

2.3 Orders studies. Orders diagnostic laboratory studies (such as preparation of specimens for cultures, sensitivity testing, smear and histological analysis, chemistry, hematology, coagulation, serology and immunology, nuclear medicine, and urinalysis); orders diagnostic imaging studies (such as ultrasound of the eye, head, neck, heart; ocular fluorescein and

indocyanine green angiography; and radiology of the eye, orbit, head, neck, chest including X-ray, computed tomography, magnetic resonance imaging, magnetic resonance angiography with and without contrast).

2.4. Consults with attending physicians and other health care providers. When requested, augments the care of patients and provides referral to appropriate health care providers of patients with medical, surgical, psychiatric, and rehabilitative conditions.

2.5. Performs clinical procedures. Provides refractive status determination; binocular vision status determination; ocular and adnexal health evaluation; external, anterior segment and fundus photography with interpretation; visual field measurement and interpretation, ocular electrodiagnostic measurement with interpretation; ocular diagnostic imaging (optical coherence tomography, scanning laser polarimetry, retinal thickness analyzer, ultrasonographic and laser) measurement with interpretation; ocular angiographic (fluorescein and indocyanine green) photography with interpretation; epilation of lashes; expression of adnexal glands; examination, testing, dilation and irrigation of the lacrimal apparatus; insertion of temporary and permanent punctual plugs; removal of non-perforating foreign bodies from the eye and adnexa.

2.6. Conducts research. Plans and conducts research in areas of clinical optometry and physiological optics, such as physical standards, protective and corrective eyewear, examining methods and techniques, and perceptual problems associated with aeronautics and space flight.

2.7. Manages optometry activities. Directs, supervises, and reviews performance of optometrists and ophthalmic technicians with emphasis on meeting the Air Force Medical Service (AFMS) business plan goals while providing quality care in alignment with the clinical guidelines of the American Optometric Association. Monitors day-to-day clinical and administrative activities to determine compliance with procedures governing optometric activities. Instructs ophthalmic technicians in local operational procedures, and in use and maintenance of ophthalmic instruments. Develops, implements, and conducts process improvement initiatives, collects and analyzes eye and vision treatment outcome data, and develops research program documents, evaluations, procedures, operating instructions, and policies. Reports optometric activities to appropriate squadron commander IAW AFI 48-101, Aerospace Medicine Operations. Leads clinical preparation for Health Services Inspection (HSI) and the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations (JCAHO) inspections.

2.8. Manages and directs occupational vision programs. Plans, supervises, and participates in vision conservation and eye protection programs according to AFI 41-115, Authorized Health Care and Health Care Benefits in the Military Health Services System (MHSS) and AFI 44-117, Ophthalmic Services. Works with the base safety office, public health and flight medicine personnel to identify eye hazardous areas and occupations, and supervises visual screening of personnel in such areas. Arranges for professional services, procurement, and dispensing of gas mask inserts, ballistic protective eyewear inserts and safety eye wear for military personnel and civilian employees of the Department of Defense.

2.9. Manages and directs operational programs. Manages and directs the Aircrew Soft Contact Lens Program and the Corneal Refractive Surgery Program, in coordination with the Flight Surgeons Office IAW AFI 48-123, Aerospace Medicine.

3. Specialty Qualifications:

3.1. Knowledge. Must maintain currency in the delivery of primary eye care services to include treatment and management of disease and disorders of the visual system utilizing pharmacology and state-of-the-art ophthalmic technology.

3.2. Education. For entry into this specialty, completion of a Doctor of Optometry degree from an accredited four-year college of optometry approved by the Surgeon General, HQ USAF, is mandatory.

3.3. Training. Residency training is recommended, but not mandatory.

3.4. Experience. For award of AFSC 42E3, a minimum of 12 months of experience in optometry assignments is mandatory. Experience must be in primary eye care services to include the examination, diagnosis, treatment and management of diseases and disorders of the visual system, the eye and associated structures as well as diagnosis of related systemic conditions. Perform specialty services including contact lenses, low vision and vision training, and co-management of surgical eye cases and ocular complications of systemic illness.

3.5. Other. For award and retention of AFSC 42E3, an unrestricted state license to practice optometry utilizing therapeutic pharmacologic agents is mandatory. Such licensure must be attained within 12 months of entering active duty.

POC: All questions regarding this announcement should be directed to MSgt Juan A. Flores III at commercial (210) 925-6016, DSN: 945-6016 or email at juan.a.flores72.mil@mail.mil.