

**OFFICER VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
FOR APPOINTMENT/INITIAL APPOINTMENT TO THE
TEXAS AIR NATIONAL GUARD**

POSITION: Optometrist

ANNOUNCEMENT: 136-12-04

AFSC: 42E3 **POSITION #:** 0980521

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GRADE: Capt/O-3 to Lt Col/O-5

CLOSING DATE: 9 March 2012

LOCATION: 136th Medical Group
Carswell Field, Fort Worth, TX

Applications received by the 136 FSS after 1715 (CST) on the closing date will not be accepted and returned to the applicant. Electronic copies will not be accepted.

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

HOW TO APPLY: USAF, AF Reserves or ANG commissioned officers will submit a completed AF 1288 (Application for Reserve Assignment), copies of the last 3 OPRs, resume, records review rip, letter of introduction, current passing fitness test, & letters of recommendation. The AF Form 1288 and records review rip can be obtained from your Commander Support Staff or your servicing MPF.

PERSONAL INTERVIEWS: Applicants must be available for interview. Applications will be reviewed and qualified applicants will be notified to meet the Selection Board. Applicants will be notified by phone/mail of interview time and place. Payment for travel is **NOT AUTHORIZED**.

REASONABLE COMMUTING DISTANCE: Vacancies will normally be filled from personnel who are within or are willing to move within reasonable commuting distance of the military unit.

NOTE: The Adjutant General will not look favorably upon personnel who apply and are selected for a position in one geographical area and subsequently request to be transferred to another area because of the commuting distance involved. All applicants will receive consideration for this position without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, sex, political affiliation, kinship, and other non-merit factors.

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.

2.1. 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. AFOCD, 31 October 2011 112

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*.

3.1. 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.

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