

Hospice/Palliative Care Physician New Orleans, LA (NOLA)

Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System (SLVHCS) strives to be an efficient organization through continual process improvement and orderliness by eliminating waste in everything they do. The organization is generating a Lean environment of abundance and ownership; building a culture of "one team creating the perfect patient experience" to honor Veterans and their families.

SLVHCS is in the process of constructing and activating a new medical center that will serve as a model for health care of the future and set the standards for patient-centered care, flexibility and sustainability. It will be a level one, 200-bed tertiary care regional referral center that is projected to serve 70,000 enrolled Veterans. The new medical center will be approximately 1.6 million square feet, with two additional 1,000-car garages for both patients and staff on a 30-acre site in New Orleans. The facility has been designed to meet the full array of VA missions: health care to America's heroes, education, research and national preparedness. It will authentically reflect the culture of the region and be the cornerstone for the emerging biosciences industry in New Orleans. You can help us build from the ground up. Create history with us and join our team!

Position Overview

Southeast Louisiana Veterans Healthcare System (SLVHCS) is recruiting for a Hospice / Palliative Care physician assigned to the Geriatrics & Extended Care (GEC) service, based in New Orleans. The position offers a unique opportunity to be part of the growing Hospice / Palliative care programs within the Geriatrics and Extended Care service as the new health care campus of Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System is completed this year. The current and anticipated programs include outpatient Palliative Care clinics, home-based services, inpatient consultative services, and inpatient Hospice / Palliative Care management within the newly constructed Community Living Center, and interactions with community-based groups, including home hospice and inpatient hospice services. Opportunities for education of trainees and staff throughout SLVHCS are also anticipated.

A physician with a minimum 3 years in clinical Geriatric or Hospice / Palliative Care is preferred. It is also preferred that the candidate be board certified or board eligible in Geriatrics and/or Hospice / Palliative Care. The incumbent will be directly accountable to the section chief of Hospice / Palliative Care in the Geriatrics and Extended Care service.

The successful candidate will provide attending-level oversight. Privileges include admission, evaluation, diagnosis, and palliative care treatment to Veterans with advanced illnesses. Physicians with these privileges have the highest level of competence in Hospice / Palliative Medicine on a par with that considered appropriate for a subspecialist. They are qualified to act as consultants and should, in turn, request consultation from within or from outside the medical center whenever needed. Opportunities for appointments with local academic affiliates are also available. The successful candidate may also provide medical supervision to residents and fellows with academic affiliates. On-call responsibilities will be

proportionally shared. The successful candidate will have a record of accomplishments clinically, academically, and/or administratively.

Job Details

- This is a Bargaining Unit Position
- Estimated Pay Range: \$101,967 — \$225,000. Salary will consider qualifications and level of expertise.
- Application Open Date:
- Application Close Date:
- Organization: Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration
- Who May Apply: US Citizens and Status Candidates
- Status: Full Time

Work Schedule

Monday-Friday & Weekends, Days, Nights & Evenings (40 hour work week/80 hour two week pay period).

VA encourages persons with disabilities to apply.

The health related positions in VA are covered by Title 38, and are not covered by the Schedule A excepted appointment authority.

Basic Requirements

- A Palliative Care physician will work with a patient and his or her family to identify, control or alleviate physical and emotional discomfort and other symptoms that often accompany a serious health condition.
- Palliative Care physicians focus their time on providing expert management of patients' symptoms, in addition to holding intensive meetings with family members, and ensuring that delivery of care is coordinated across the health care setting.
- Palliative Care physicians are there to link patients, caregivers and family members to available support groups and other services.
- They can improve access to helpful information so patients can make well-informed, confident decisions about their care.
- Palliative Care physicians are an integral part of an interdisciplinary team that usually includes nurses and social workers.
- Other members of the team may include pharmacists, chaplains, massage therapists, nutritionists and others.
- Preferred experience: physicians with a minimum of two (2) years in related clinical Geriatric or Hospice / Palliative Care, is preferred.
- It is also preferred that the candidate be board certified or board eligible in Geriatrics and/or Hospice / Palliative Care. The incumbent will be directly accountable to the section chief of Hospice / Palliative Care in the Geriatrics and Extended Care service.
- Experience refers to paid and unpaid experience, including volunteer work done through national service programs (e.g. Peace Corps, AmeriCorps) and other organizations (e.g., professional, philanthropic; religions; spiritual; community; student; social). Volunteer work helps build critical competencies, knowledge, and skills and can provide valuable training and experience that translates directly to paid employment. You will receive credit for all qualifying experience, including volunteer experience.

Benefits

Working for the Department of Veterans Affairs offers a comprehensive benefits package that includes, in part, paid vacation, sick leave, holidays, life insurance, health benefits, thrift savings plan, and participation in the Federal Employees Retirement System. This link provides an overview of the benefits currently offered. For more information please visit us at http://www.va.gov/JOBS/Job_Benefits/benefits.asp

How to Apply

Send cover letter and resume to apply@reffettassociates.com and note **NOLA Palliative Care Candidate** in the subject line.

NOTE: Applicant's education and length of practice and experience will be considered by a Compensation Panel in determining the salary of the applicant selected.