***FOCUS AREA***
Agency leadership has determined that this position meets Criteria 4: Assignment requires regular engagement with other uniformed services.

***POSITION TITLE***
Physical Therapist, (O-5 Billet, Supervisory). Civilian Billet- GS-0633-13

***LOCATION DESCRIPTION***
Naval Medical Center Portsmouth is home of the oldest Naval Medical Facility. Known as the “First and Finest”. It is a comprehensive medical treatment facility. NMC Portsmouth services the largest fleet concentration in the United States Navy as well as encompasses the Tidewater Multiservice Market with both Army and Air Force bases located within the Hampton Roads area. NMC Portsmouth services over 430,000 beneficiaries.

***CLOSING DATE***
Open until filled

*** JOB DESCRIPTION***
Specific duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

Incumbent performs as a highly specialized physical therapist (PT) within the TBI Services Department established for tertiary care for TBI and complex psychological and pain disorders. Designated for unparalleled diagnoses, treatment, and research within the TBI/BH/Pain field, the degree of caseload complexity and professional challenge represent the top echelon of Department of Defense (DoD) PT pathology. The TBI Services Department provides a level of capability to address the most complex diagnostic and treatment challenges for patients with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and complex psychological pain and social challenges suffering from persistent impairment of function. The PT is an integral and critical clinical member of the integration team, with primary responsibilities consisting of physical, neuromuscular, and vestibular evaluations, assessment of functional capabilities, and development of a treatment plan accordingly.

Develops and implements complex treatment plans for patients presenting with multiple health dysfunction and impairments in physical, functional, and adaptive areas; i.e., gait, functional daily activities, adaptive sports, reconditioning, physical readiness training, injury prevention, human performance optimization, pain impairments, and reintegration. Plans, coordinates, and implements goal-oriented group and/or focused individual PT treatment programs, selecting activities to increase or improve muscle strength, range of motion, and coordination.

Participates in advanced clinical research projects, relative to physical therapy or vestibular mechanism, and the rehabilitation of physical and vestibular disorders. Participates in the development of protocols to investigate efficacy and effectiveness of new clinical tests, clinical practice guidelines, and standards of care. Supports the research function, directing physical therapy students, externs, residents, and fellows/trainees engaged in research assignments in preparation of theses, dissertations, and other graduate medical education GME projects.
Supervises approximately 3-10 rehabilitation staff clinicians and/or technicians. Evaluates overall work accomplishment of the staff; reviews group and individual performance for consistency with policies, compliance with procedures and regulations, technical adequacy, timeliness and effective utilization of resources. Assigns work to subordinates based on priorities, work requirements, and employee capabilities. Develops performance standards and evaluates work performance. Performs all required personnel management tasks. Establishes performance standards and ensures equity for performance standards and evaluations.

Maintains all basic readiness standards as required by the U.S. Public Health Service. PHS officers assigned under this Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) must remain available for PHS deployments. Under this MOA, PHS officers are not authorized to deploy with the military. 3-year (minimum) assignment tour.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

Graduate of a Physical Therapy program that is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education, American Physical Therapy Association. Must possess a valid and current State Physical Therapist license. Comprehensive knowledge and skill in providing specialized physical therapy services, including vestibular rehabilitation, for the treatment of patients with a history of traumatic brain injury. Previous military service and supervisory experience are highly desired.

SECRET Clearance

***CONTACT INFORMATION***
Interested USPHS Commissioned Corps officers should forward a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and last three COERS via email to CDR Jay Carr, james.b.carr6.mil@mail.mil