Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Vacancy Announcement- YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

Position: **Advanced Practice Provider** (Primary Care Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant)
O4/O5 Non-supervisory
Duty Station: Yosemite National Park Medical Clinic, CA
Closing Date: March 15, 2026

Introduction

The National Park Service (NPS) is recruiting a Commissioned Corps (CC) officer to fill the position of Advanced Practice Primary Care Provider at the Yosemite Medical Clinic (YMC) with a duty station in Yosemite National Park, California. Organizationally, this position is within Yosemite National Park's Visitor and Resource Protection Division and reports to the clinic's medical director. Well-qualified officers of all ranks are encouraged to apply. Our site is highly dynamic and rewarding, but flexibility and possession of strong clinical skills is needed to be successful.

Duty station

Occupying a historic building that once served as an acute care hospital, YMC is a full-service outpatient medical facility in the iconic Yosemite Valley, within sight of Half Dome and easy walking distance of the spectacular Yosemite Falls, the tallest waterfall in North America. This position will be required to live in government rental quarters; housing will be assigned based on family size of the officer. For more information about Yosemite National Park and YMC, visit:
https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1735/index.htm

Program description

YMC provides urgent care services to park visitors and residents, as well as primary care services to residents and employees. The medical providers include a Physician/Medical Director, one vacant Physician, and one vacant Advanced Practice Provider (APP) (NP/PA), both CC officers. During the peak summer season, the provider staff may be augmented by Family or Emergency Medicine (PGY 3 or 4) residents from affiliated academic institutions. During the non-peak season (Fall-Spring), the APP may be required to precept medical residents and other students (i.e., nursing students, PA, or NP students). Clinical support staff include two CC Registered Nurses year-round and CC Nurse Manager. YMC records approximately 5,000 patient visits per year. This includes primary care, urgent care, and occupational health services. The clinic is open 40 hours per week for most of the year, but from mid-May through mid-September Yosemite National Park experiences peak visitation and the clinic may operate up to seven days per week. The officer will be expected to enroll as a provider with various governmental and private third-party payers, attain specific training for the needs and capabilities of YMC and hold an advanced practice license and DEA license in the state of California.

Major duties

This position has both clinical (~80%) and program support responsibilities for patient care and quality of services (~20% administrative). Duties include but are not necessarily limited to:

At the O-4 billet level:

- Assessing, planning, and providing direct and comprehensive primary care and urgent care to individual geriatric, adult, and pediatric patients.
- Providing occupational health services such as Commercial Driver's License physical exams and Workers Compensation-related medical care; this may require additional certification.
- Ordering and/or performing screening and diagnostic tests and procedures (e.g., lab studies, x-rays, electrocardiograms, audiograms, pulmonary function tests).
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- Interpreting test results and analyzing collected data.
- Utilizing clinical experience and validated clinical decision-making tools to make accurate diagnoses and formulate treatment plans. This may include prescribing medications, consulting with other health care providers and initialing referrals.
- Identifying and managing both minor and serious illnesses/injuries in accordance with established standards of medical care and approved clinical privileges.
- Participating and assisting in organizing community health events such as vaccination programs to optimize community health and wellness.
- Commensurate with expertise, providing occasional in-service education to other Yosemite National Park healthcare providers.
- Accepting newly licensed advanced practice practitioners (NP/PA).

At the O-5 billet level in addition to the above duties:

- Precept medical residents and other students (i.e., nursing students, PA, or NP students).
- Consults with the physician for complex medical and/or psychiatric patients and as required by YMC policy.
- At an independent and mentoring level, performs comprehensive history and physical
- evaluations, behavioral health care, and minor outpatient surgical procedures.
- Minimum of 2 years post-graduation direct patient care in primary care and/or urgent care.

Minimum Qualifications

For Nurse Practitioner:

Master's degree from a professional nursing program approved by a legally designated State accrediting agency at the time the program was completed by the applicant. At time of application, applicants must have active, current licensure as a registered nurse in a State, District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or a territory of the United States; be certified or licensed by a state licensing agency as a family nurse practitioner or other relevant credential at time of application including a national Nurse Practitioner Certification. If not already licensed in California, must be able to obtain licensure as a registered nurse and certification as a family nurse practitioner by the State of California through an application process initiated within 15 days of the start date.

For Physician Assistant:

Graduation from a physician assistant educational program, accredited by the Accreditation Review Committee on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) or its predecessors, at a college, university, or educational institution that is accredited by an accrediting body or organization recognized by the Secretary, U.S. Department of Education. Successful completion of the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) examination. Must maintain status as a certified physician assistant, including completion of all requirements for continuing medical education (CME) and re-certification. At time of application, applicants must have active, current licensure as a physician assistant in a State, District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or a territory of the United States at time of application, and, if not already licensed in California, be able to obtain licensure as a physician assistant by the State of California through an application process initiated within 15 days of the start date.

Additional Qualifications

- Ability to promptly learn and adjust to our dynamic and blended service environment.
- Ability to professionally execute our services to meet both USPHS and NPS missions in a highly visible practice.
- Ability to demonstrate and pass clinical competency assessment.
- Desired attributes: Officership, initiative, authenticity, flexibility, honesty, integrity, positivity, responsibility, and team player.
- Have BLS and ACLS certifications; PALS certifications are preferred and strongly encouraged.
- Meet USPHS Readiness and Deployment Branch (RDB) Readiness Standards.
- Be specialized in family practice or general practice with ability to serve all-age groups.
- Able to equally provide care to all patient populations without reservation.
- Hold, or be able to obtain, a DEA registration number allowing ordering of Schedule II drugs.
- Able to meet credentialing requirement and register with Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare (CAQH).
- Apply for State of California RN License within 15 days of 1662 submission to USPHS CC.
- Become certified as a federal Department of Transportation medical examiner (CDL) within 3 months of report date.
- Undergo training and become authorized to perform basic radiographs within 6 months of report date.

For Call-To-Active Duty (CAD) Candidate, civilian applicant must become a PHS CAD candidate first:

- Professional & Medical Boarding notifications stating recommended for appointment and physically/medical qualified.

Applications for this position will be accepted until the position's close date. If interested, please send your cover letter, CV, copy of applicable licenses and certifications, last three performance evaluations (COERs) and contact information for two references to HHS_Liaison@nps.gov and please copy in CDR Alyson Rose-Wood and LCDR Angie Hatzenbuhler whose contact information is included below:

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