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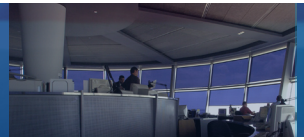

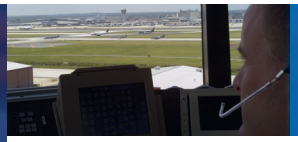

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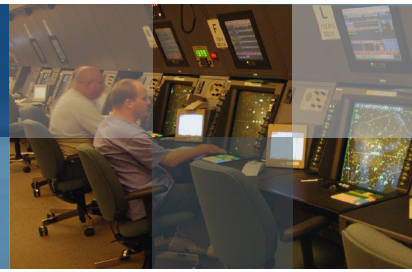

Individuals must pass a rigid medical exam, which includes:

Vision

Applicants for ATCS employment in an en route center or a terminal must have distance and near vision of 20/20 or better in each eye separately, without correction, or have lenses that correct distance and near vision to 20/20, in each eye separately.

Color Vision

Applicants must have normal color vision.

Hearing

Applicants must have no hearing loss in either ear of more than 25 db at 500, 1000 and 2000 Hz, and no more than a 20 db loss in the better ear by audiometry, using ANSI (1969) standards.

Cardiovascular

Applicants must have no medical history of any form of heart disease. A history of high blood pressure requiring medication will require special review.

Neurological

Applicants must have no medical history or clinical diagnosis of a convulsive disorder, or a disturbance of consciousness, without satisfactory medical explanation of the cause, and must not be under any treatment, including preventive, for any condition of the nervous system.

Psychiatric

Any medical history or clinical diagnosis of a psychosis, or other severe mental disorders, is disqualifying.

Diabetes

A medical history or diagnosis of diabetes mellitus will require special review.

Substance Abuse/ Dependency

A history of substance abuse/ dependency, including alcohol, narcotic, non-narcotic drugs, and other substances will be extensively investigated.

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Individuals must take and pass a psychological exam.

General Medical

All other medical conditions will be evaluated on an individual basis. Applicants' medical histories and current examinations will be carefully reviewed. This includes past medical records and, if applicable, a review of military medical records.