



Employment Opportunity

State Specialist Healthy Living and Nutrition

Summary of Position

This position provides leadership for University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension Youth and Family, Healthy Living and Nutrition programs designed to increase the health of NH youth, families and individuals. This position includes leadership of the Nutrition Connections Program that combines Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) and Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) funding to reach low income NH residents. The position works in close collaboration with other UNH Extension Educators and UNH Faculty to develop, implement and evaluate community-based programs targeting the nutrition, physical activity, food safety and food resource management skills and behaviors of youth, adults, seniors and families. This is a non-tenure track Extension Educator position that will have an affiliation in the College of Life Sciences and Agriculture (COLSA). The position involves campus-based work but is primarily located in the Merrimack County UNH Cooperative Extension Office in Boscawen, New Hampshire.

Acceptable minimum level of education: Master's

Acceptable minimum years of experience: 5-7 years.

Other minimum qualifications: Ph.D. or terminal degree strongly preferred in applicable discipline (e.g., nutrition, public health, or education) with 5 years of relevant experience (Masters considered with additional experience). Experience developing and evaluating community-based youth, adult and family focused programs. Program Leadership Experience.

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Additional Desirable Qualifications:

Registered Dietitian preferred. Experience with nutrition related community level change within the socio-ecological model and other Cooperative Extension programming; experience authoring and managing grants; applied scholarly interest in: public health, community-based youth development, workforce development, outreach with underserved/at-risk populations, or similar field; Experience working with community-based volunteers. Proficiency with quantitative and qualitative data collection, analysis and interpretation.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Program Leadership

Serve as the SNAP-Ed and EFNEP coordinators.

- Serve as Principal Investigator for both funding sources
- Provide leadership and guidance to program planning, implementation and evaluation for research-based community health and nutrition programs funded by SNAP-Ed and EFNEP.
- Manage a team of staff (hiring, training, supervising, appraising performance and coordinating professional development).
- Implement policies relevant to SNAP-Ed and EFNEP and maintain appropriate program documentation.
- Develop, manage and monitor statewide SNAP-Ed and EFNEP budgets.
- Maintain and develop partnerships with external stakeholders.
- Develop reports and assessments of program efforts and outcomes.
- Serve as Area of Expertise (AoE) Chair for UNH Extension Youth & Family – Healthy Living AoE Team.
- Provide over-all team leadership through logic model/plan-of-work development, program development, evaluation, grant writing and liaison work with UNH campus-based staff/faculty.
- Provide interpretation and application of current research, emerging issues and legislation to assist NH communities, agencies, Extension staff and volunteers.
- Coordinate over-all team evaluation plan and impact reporting.

Program Development

- Develop, plan, implement and evaluate research-based community health and nutrition programs focused on (a) building youth and family skills and promoting healthy individual behaviors and/or (b) systems, environment and policy-level improvements in the areas of nutrition and physical activity.
- Develop programs in close partnership with state agency, community partners, and other UNH and UNH Extension colleagues.
- Develop and maintain a comprehensive and current knowledge base in community nutrition education.
- Build capacity for programs through development of grants, fee for service programs, state contracts, or other funding mechanisms (position is required to Secure 25% of annual salary through grants, cost-recovery, and/or departmental appointment funding).

UNH Department Work & Engagement

Work within UNH COLSA in the Department of Agriculture, Nutrition and Food Systems to integrate departmental efforts with Extension resources, programs, and staff. Potential efforts include: coordinating interdisciplinary applied research projects, teaching, collaborating on external funding proposals, coordinating and/or hosting practicum/internship placements, and mentoring/advising undergraduate and graduate students.

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