Lead a dynamic community health and nutrition program for the Red River Valley region

Position Description
12-month appointment serving areas in northwestern MN and eastern ND as an Area Specialist with key responsibilities in Community Health and Nutrition for the Red River Valley region.

Responsibilities
The successful candidate will provide regional leadership for and coordination of educational programs and outreach in community-based health and nutrition, including policy, systems and environmental change efforts. Duties include, but are not limited to:
- Coordinate regional community-based programs and targeted interventions in both states including topics related to community health and nutrition.
- Identify evidence-based programs or contribute to development of programs that county/area staff can teach to local constituents.
- Partner with/mentor Extension educators/agents and community agency staff.
- Develop, implement, and evaluate a continuum of health, nutrition and wellness educational programs and initiatives that:
  - Are appropriate and effective to attract new and diverse audiences.
  - Are based in scholarly and scientific theory and research.
  - Incorporate high-level teaching skills for optimal audience engagement and impact.
  - Utilize the spectrum of public health approaches for greatest impact, seeking a better understanding of emerging health and nutrition issues, and new research and strategies in order to translate this knowledge into programmatic efforts.
  - Communicate results through effective and creative evaluation and reporting to appropriate stakeholders.
  - Utilize appropriate technology.
- Develop and maintain relationships with stakeholder groups (e.g., state and regional agencies, government officials, city planners, public health agencies, community groups, for-profits, and non-profits) and community members to:
  - Obtain a wide range of feedback on planning and programmatic efforts.
  - Identify place-based solutions that are responsive to health and nutrition-related issues.
  - Foster policy, systems, and environment changes to support healthy environments.
  - Support regional networks as appropriate.
- Contribute to the research and scholarship in health and nutrition.

Minimum Qualifications
- Master's Degree required in Human Nutrition, Public/Community Health, Health Communications or closely related field.
- Evidence of effective teaching ability in a professional setting.
- Ability to use and adapt multiple computer and distance learning technologies.
- Effective oral and written communication.
- Two years of experience in teaching, community organizing, community health promotion, or community education.
- Demonstrated experience with applying or integrating research-based knowledge into program design, delivery, and evaluation across a variety of educational platforms.
- Demonstrated experience engaging with communities related to health and nutrition issues, and adapting programs to meet audience needs.
- Demonstrated experience in implementing innovative public health approaches to promote policy, system, and environmental changes related to improving nutrition and increased physical activity.
- Demonstrated experience in establishing, building, and sustaining partnerships and collaborations.
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively with individuals, organizations, and/or communities representing new, culturally diverse, economically diverse, and underserved audiences.
- Ability and willingness to travel, and valid driver's license (monthly reimbursement provided).

Preferred Qualifications
- Credentials in nutrition or health-related field (CHES, RDN, etc.)
- Experience securing and managing grants and contracts.
- Experience in the Cooperative Extension System.
- Experience with or demonstrated basic understanding of two core Extension programs: Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed).

Position: Full-time
Salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience
Benefits include retirement plan and full coverage for family health insurance
Location: Fargo-Moorhead
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- visit http://jobs.ndsu.edu/postings
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Screening will begin
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