Position: Full-time
Salary: Commensurate with education and experience.
Benefits: Include retirement plan and full coverage for family health insurance.
Location: Bismarck, ND

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The Extension Specialist, Community Health and Engagement, will work collaboratively with a team of Extension professionals and other agencies and organizations to provide state-wide leadership and support in implementing policy, systems, and environmental change (PSE) related to community health and nutrition. This is a full-time, non-tenure track position with NDSU Extension, contingent on the availability of funds to support the program. Office headquarters are at Bismarck, N.D.

Responsibilities:
The successful candidate will provide leadership for and coordination of transformational educational programs and outreach in community-based health and nutrition, including policy, systems and environmental change (PSE) efforts, with an emphasis on childhood obesity prevention and reaching low-income audiences. Duties include, but are not limited to:

- Develop professional collaborations with Extension agents/educators, community stakeholders and agency staff to:
  - Obtain diverse feedback on planning and programmatic efforts;
  - Identify community-based responses that address key health and nutrition-related issues; and
  - Provide leadership and guidance to address PSE changes to support target behaviors
- Plan, implement and evaluate educational programs and outreach that:
  - Are appropriate and effective to attract new and diverse audiences;
  - Are based in scholarly and scientific theory, and research;
  - Incorporate policy, systems and environmental changes;
  - Communicate results through effective and creative evaluation and reporting to appropriate stakeholders; and
  - Utilize appropriate technology
- Provide leadership for the development and implementation of research-based programming to build healthy, sustainable communities, families and individuals. Programming may include but is not limited to promoting individual, family and community health and wellness, building community capacity and local leadership and volunteer development.
- Build capacity with local Extension staff on the implementation of PSE approaches, including working with schools, governments, community agencies, and the private sector.
- Work with coalitions to implement changes promoting nutrition and physical activity.
- Train and support Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) and Supplemental Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) educators on conducting needs assessments, developing partnerships and marketing direct education and other outreach activities.
- Assist with coordination of programming efforts related to PSE conducted by Family and Community Wellness Agents, SNAP-Ed and EFNEP educators.

Other Responsibilities:
- Ensure compliance with equal opportunity policies and abide by all rules and regulations for faculty at NDSU as outlined in the NDSU Policy Manual.
- Be an active learner to keep relevant with new teaching strategies, advances in the professional field, technology, news and with related research.
- Be self-directed with minimal supervision in the work environment.
- Some weekend and evening work may be required.
- Travel within the state is required.

Minimum Qualifications:
- Master’s Degree in Human Nutrition, Public/Community Health, Health Communications or closely related field.
- Demonstrated leadership skills to work effectively with individuals, organizations and communities.
- Demonstrated experience establishing, building and sustaining partnerships.
- Demonstrated experience engaging with communities and individuals on health and nutrition issues, and adapting outreach to meet audience needs.
- Demonstrated experience implementing policy, systems and environmental change approaches to improve health behaviors.
- Demonstrated ability to initiate and independently follow-through with projects.
- Familiarity with various ethnic and socioeconomic audiences, an interest and ability to work with people of diverse backgrounds and a commitment to the principles of diversity.
- Effective oral and written communication skills.
- Personal vehicle and valid driver’s license.

Preferred Qualifications:
- Experience training and/or coaching others.
- Experience in the Cooperative Extension System or two years of experience in community health promotion or community education work that included Extension partnerships.
- Experience with or demonstrated understanding of two core Extension programs: Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed).