The University of Illinois seeks creative, collaborative, self-directed, outgoing individuals for Visiting Extension Educator, Family and Consumer Science (SNAP-Ed) positions with University of Illinois Extension. The positions are responsible for organizing and conducting nutrition education programs related to policy, system, and environmental changes targeted for limited resource families and communities. The positions require developing partnerships with community organizations, providing technical assistance and working collaboratively with community partners, and providing direct nutrition education for organizations and families in communities within the target area. As part of University of Illinois Extension, these positions will be joining a statewide and national network of professionals who look to fulfill the mission of the cooperative extension system.

Two full time positions are available.

**Location:** Unit 8 – Ottawa, IL and Unit 16 – Springfield, IL

*This is a security-sensitive position. Comprehensive background checks, including but not limited to a criminal conviction information check, a CANTS (Child Abuse and Neglect Tracking System) check, and a review of the Registered Sex Offender list, will be conducted.*

**Specific duties are as follows:**

- Develop professional collaborations with the community stakeholders and partners that serve the SNAP target population.
- Develop policy, system, and environmental interventions within the designated area geared toward SNAP-Ed eligible audiences.
- Work as part of a team to provide direct education to the designated audiences, specifically for SNAP-Ed program.
- Assist counties in the designated region in developing marketing plans and tools for the SNAP-Ed program.
- Assist counties in the designated region in reporting program outcomes to local, regional, and statewide stakeholders.
- Develop effective and contemporary approaches to communicate with audiences and partners. This may include constantly evolving electronic technologies.
- Establish professional relationships and participate in campus-based partnerships that connect academic programs and research to complement Extension programming by partnering with Extension Specialists and/or faculty members on research projects as appropriate within the initiatives.
- Serve as an effective FCS team member and volunteer for leadership roles as appropriate.
• Comply with all reporting deadlines and requirements (e.g. plans of work, activity and impact reporting, etc.)
• As needed, accept statewide responsibilities as requested.
• Pursue professional development opportunities to enhance competency in subject matter area.
• Comply with all University of Illinois Extension Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity policies and guidelines in all aspects of Extension work; assists Unit staff with data collection for Affirmative Action, Gender, and Targeted reports.
• Perform other duties that contribute to University of Illinois Extension programming, as assigned.
• Local, regional and (limited) statewide travel required; personal transportation required.

Administrative Relationship: Extension Educators are administratively responsible to the County Director.

Program Relationship: Extension Educators are programmatically responsible to the Program Leader(s) for the delivery of programs that mesh with identified national and state priorities.

Qualifications
Required: Master’s degree related to subject matter emphasis from an accredited institution of higher education. Candidates with a Master’s degree in progress may be considered for interviews, but degree must be completed by hire date. Strong oral and written communication skills. Evidence of strong interpersonal skills and ability to work within a team environment.

Preferred: Experience within the specialty field (nutrition or public health) is highly desirable. Teaching experience in informal and formal settings. Demonstrated ability to build and maintain diverse networks. Familiarity with the area in which the position is located.

Additional Information
The position is a temporary, full-time, benefits-eligible, non-tenured, academic professional position appointed on a 12-month service basis. This position may become non-visiting at a later time dependent upon funding and/or programmatic needs. The expected start date is as soon as possible after the closing date. Salary is commensurate with experience and qualifications. Generous vacation and sick leave. State Universities Retirement System. Group health, dental, vision and life insurance.

Application Procedure: To apply, go to http://go.illinois.edu/A1500505. Log in to your account and upload a cover letter and resume, as well as the names and contact information of three professional references. Transcripts may be requested at a later date. To receive full consideration, all requested application materials must be submitted via the online system by the close date of January 8, 2016.

For further information about the position please contact Ryan Hobson at rhobson@illinois.edu. For technical assistance with the online application process, call 217-333-6747 or email jobs@illinois.edu.

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