

POSITION X1839 Extension Specialist, Hardeman Healthy Outreach (H2O) for Healthy Weight

LOCATION The University of Tennessee, Institute of Agriculture, UT Extension, Department of Family & Consumer Sciences, Hardeman County, TN

EFFECTIVE DATE Screening of applicants' credentials will begin immediately. Anticipated start date is October 15, 2018.

SALARY AND BENEFITS

Salary is commensurate with training and experience. This is a grant-funded position. Continued employment is contingent upon performance and funding. Benefits include group hospitalization and life insurance, State Employees Retirement; Workers' Compensation; study, sick and annual leave; numerous University of Tennessee and state benefits programs, including liberal time off for holidays and longevity pay after three years of service; reimbursement for official travel.

JOB DESCRIPTION

The Extension Specialist for Hardeman Healthy Outreach (H2O) for Healthy Weight is responsible to the Assistant Dean for the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) and Project Faculty Lead. This specialist provides leadership as project director for planning, coordinating, developing, implementing, and evaluating the Hardeman Healthy Outreach (H2O) for Healthy Weight focused on policy, systems and environment (PSE) approaches and educational outreach to focus on the promotion of health through the delivery of community-based interventions in Hardeman County. This position works as a team member in coordination of program activities. This is a non-tenure accruing position. Continuation of this grant-funded appointment is contingent upon continued funding through Centers of Disease Control (CDC).

Duties

- Provide leadership for a program of activities which meets the needs of all eligible clientele regardless of race, color, national origin, age, sex, disability, religion or veteran status.
- Develop and coordinate efforts to enhance the ability of Hardeman County community to:
 - Collaborate with partners to improve the food system to increase access to healthier foods.
 - Collaborate with partners to improve community supports and opportunities for physically activity.
- Provide leadership for coordination with local and state Extension staff to meet the goals of the grant workplan to:
 - Work with food vendors, distributors, and producers to enhance healthier food procurement and sales: establish/support food hubs; establish a network of food sales outlets; establish a group purchasing collective; develop tools to match local producers with institutions; and explore innovative practices that can establish this work.

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Duties (continued)

- Establish healthy nutrition standards in key institutions such as hospitals, afterschool and recreation programs, community health centers, faith-based organizations, food banks/pantries, and early care and education.
 - Increase access to locally grown produce.
 - Make improvements to state and local programs/systems (e.g., voucher incentive programs, increased electronic benefit transfer acceptance where food is purchased, improved public transportation routes to food stores, access to healthier foods at community venues.
 - Establish new or improved pedestrian, bicycle, or transit transportation systems (i.e., activity-friendly routes) that are combined with new or improved land use or environmental design (i.e., connecting everyday destinations).
 - Assist local businesses with creating work environments that promote physical activity.
 - Enhance the existing community park and recreation system in a way to promote physical activity opportunities for all users across the lifespan
 - Maximize the physical activity opportunities for children and adolescents of all ages.
 - Integrate physical activity promotion programs into faith-based organizations.
 - Incorporate the assessment and promotion of physical activity in the health care experience of the community.
 - Implement a local mass media campaign to promote physical activity.
 - Create a culture within sports leagues to promote health-enhancing physical activity to participants.
- Assist with logistical and administrative functions of the grant
 - Participate in evaluation and reporting requirements of the grant program
 - Participate in formative, process, outcome and/or impact evaluation and reporting for project
 - Foster and maintain partnerships with program stakeholders
 - Assume other duties as necessary or as assigned

REQUIREMENTS/QUALIFICATIONS**Education:**

- Earned Bachelor's degree in Family and Consumer Sciences, Health Social Marketing, Public Health, Health Education, Nutrition, Health Communications, Psychology or closely related field with a GPA of 2.7 or above
- Earned Master's Degree in Family and Consumer Sciences, Health Social Marketing, Public Health, Health Education, Health Communications, Public Health Nutrition, or closely related area

Experience:

- Minimum of 3 years work experience in an area of public health, health communications, or community education preferred
- Experience with community public health approaches preferred
- Experience with development of public education and media outreach materials preferred

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Job Skills:

- Sincere desire to work with people, including the disadvantaged and minorities
- Demonstrated ability to plan, conduct and evaluate efforts in a community setting with a focus on nutrition and behavior change to provide environmental support for direct education components of a program
- Demonstrated project management skills and ability
- Ability to organize, apply sound judgment, and complete assignments in a timely manner both independently and as part of a team
- Ability to communicate and collaborate effectively with both intradisciplinary and interdisciplinary teams
- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to interact with a wide variety of individuals

Job Skills (continued):

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Strong computer literacy skills, especially with Microsoft Office applications
- Ability to travel within and outside the state, as necessary

TO APPLY:

Please apply online by clicking the link below

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Submit a complete application packet which includes a 1) letter of interest, 2) a resume or curriculum vitae, 3) and official or unofficial transcripts showing degree(s) conferred.

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