



Senior Manager, Family and Consumer Science Curriculum / Research

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The Senior Manager, Curriculum/Research serves as a regular, full time, 12-month academic professional. This is a senior level Extension position with primary responsibility for providing statewide leadership for curriculum and research within the Illinois Nutrition Education Program (INEP). This position is part of the leadership team for the \$25 million community nutrition education programs funded through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Education Program (SNAP-Ed) and the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) within the Family and Consumer Science program area of University of Illinois Extension. This position strategically leads the curriculum selection, development, and implementation of all educational curriculum used statewide in compliance with federal guideline. This position will also lead and consult on applied research within the Illinois Nutrition Education Program.

One full-time position is available.

Location: Urbana-Champaign Campus/ Remote work arrangements may be considered (Position will be housed at the Urbana-Champaign Campus or a remote work arrangement will be established)

Position Overview

Strategic Direction and Leadership of Curriculum and Research

- Develop strategic direction and manage implementation of curriculum and research initiatives for the statewide nutrition education programs in compliance with federal guidelines for SNAP-Ed and EFNEP.
- Direct and manage the development and evaluation of curriculum and supporting materials that establishes evidence base for programming.
- Provide strategy and supporting materials for the implementation of the curriculum. Provide training and guidance on usage across the INEP team.
- Oversee and develop curriculum materials based on evidence-based strategies in nutrition education.
- Provide leadership in the development of culturally relevant nutrition education instructional materials to be used across the statewide nutrition education programs.
- Develop a network for the delivery of materials translated into appropriate languages for the target audience.

Application Due

October 25, 2021

Proposed Start Date

As soon as possible after the closing date

Salary

Commensurate with experience and qualifications

To Apply

Go To: <http://go.illinois.edu/152866>

Log in to your account and upload a cover letter and resume, as well as the names and contact information of three professional references

More Information

The position is a full-time, benefits eligible, non-tenure academic professional position appointed on a 12-month service basis. Generous vacation and sick leave. State Universities Retirement System. Group health, dental, vision and life insurance.

This is a security-sensitive position. Comprehensive background checks, including but not limited to a criminal conviction information check, and a review of the Registered Sex Offender list, will be conducted.

- Organize and supervise field staff workgroups pertaining to curriculum and applied research.
- Design and implement research strategies to create impact for federal and state reporting.
- Build and maintain relationships across the North Central and Midwest regions and nation to maximize effectiveness and eliminate duplicative efforts in curriculum development.
- Provide leadership on research methods and practices related to effective implementation of INEP and affiliated research initiatives.
- Collect data that contributes to the research-based evidence of the community nutrition programs.

Organizational Leadership

- Manage the curriculum budget portion of the SNAP-Ed grant.
- Develop and oversee vendor contracts pertaining to curriculum.
- Actively participate as a member of the INEP leadership team contributing to the overall vision and mission of INEP, co-leading the education and instruction team.
- Serve as direct supervisor and direct the work of student hourly employees and research assistants.
- Collaborate on the preparation of reports that communicate program outcomes to local, regional, and statewide stakeholders.
- Establish professional relationships and participate in campus-based partnerships that connect academic programs and research to complement Extension programming.
- Serve on state or national boards and workgroups to enhance partnerships and collaborations between Illinois Nutrition Education Programs and other nutrition/physical activity organizations.
- Be an active member within a professional society(s) to keep abreast of changes within field of discipline.
- Pursue professional development opportunities to enhance competency in subject matter area.

Other Information

- 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 statewide travel required; personal transportation required.
- To perform the functions of this position, the employee will be required to perform work both within an office and outside in the communities that are served, and must have the capability to travel from one location to the other in a timely fashion. Employee is responsible for securing personal transportation. A valid driver's license is preferred. Some work will be required during evenings and/or weekends. When working, the employee may be exposed to a variety of environmental factors to include, but not limited to, hot or cold weather, exposure to noise and allergens, and uneven ground. In performing the functions of this position, the employee may be subjected to various mental and physical demands as well to include, but not limited to, independently traveling to and performing work at different locations, lifting and moving items that may occasionally weigh up to forty (40) pounds and frequently weigh up to twenty (20) pounds, and twisting, pushing and pulling movements. More detailed information regarding the functions of this position (including the physical, mental and environmental requirements of the position) may be obtained from Human Resources for the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) by contacting hr@aces.illinois.edu.

The University of Illinois conducts criminal background checks on all job candidates upon acceptance of a contingent offer. Convictions are not a bar to employment. The University of Illinois System requires candidates selected for hire to disclose any documented finding of sexual misconduct or sexual harassment and to authorize inquiries to current and former employers regarding findings of sexual misconduct or sexual harassment. For more information, visit [Policy on Consideration of Sexual Misconduct in Prior Employment](#). The University of Illinois must also comply with applicable federal export control laws and regulations and, as such, reserves the right to employ restricted party screening procedures for applicants.

As a qualifying federal contractor, the University of Illinois System uses [E-Verify](#) to verify [employment eligibility](#).

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Administrative Relationship: The Senior Manager, Curriculum/Research is administratively responsible to the Senior Lead, SNAP-Ed

Qualifications

Required:

- Master's degree in human nutrition, community nutrition, adult education, public health or related field from an accredited institution of higher education. At least one degree (BS or MS) must be in nutrition. Candidates with a Master's degree in progress may be considered for interviews, but degree must be completed by hire date.
- At least 3 years of relevant experience with community-based programs.
- Experience leading and managing projects and/or teams.
- Professional experience in nutrition education programming with limited-resource audiences.
- Experience developing curriculum and evaluations using evidence-based practice.

Preferred:

- Licensed Registered Dietitian Nutritionist.
- Experience assessing existing curriculum and instruction materials for appropriateness of use with limited resource audiences.
- Experience with SNAP Ed or EFNEP programming.
- Experience developing standards and rubric to evaluate evidence-based programming.
- Experience with developing mixed methods community-based research models.
- Experience with implementation science research or methodology.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Strong oral and written communication skills. Evidence of strong interpersonal skills. Ability to work within a team environment. Understanding of land-grant University Extension and demonstrated ability to work effectively within Extension system is preferred.

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For further information about the position please contact search chair Lisa Merrifield at lmorris@illinois.edu. For technical assistance with the online application process, please email jobs@illinois.edu.

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