



The University of Georgia

College of Family and Consumer Sciences
Department of Foods and Nutrition

POSITION: Assistant Professor (75% Extension; 25% Research), Department of Foods and Nutrition (12-month, tenure-track appointment) who will serve as an Extension Specialist in the area of human nutrition and health promotion

RESPONSIBILITIES: Responsibilities include:

- Provide leadership for nutrition education programs in the area of disease prevention and health maintenance throughout the lifespan
- Develop, implement and evaluate programs using new educational approaches that maximize new technology to train county Extension agents and educate the public to enhance knowledge and initiate behavior change
- Develop grant proposals and obtain external funding to support community nutrition education programs that address critical needs related to nutrition and health and serve as the Principal Investigator for externally funded community nutrition education programs
- Serve as a conduit for the nutrition and health expertise of College of Family and Consumer Sciences faculty to be communicated to Extension agents and other outreach partners on a regular basis and serve as a liaison between faculty and residents of Georgia by tapping the expertise of faculty and facilitating their involvement in outreach related to nutrition/health programs
- Serve as a faculty nutrition expert for nutrition-related program content throughout the life cycle and provide nutrition research updates based on published research findings to County Extension Agents on a regular basis
- Revise existing nutrition/foods program content and existing program assessment tools as needed
- Publish findings that provide the evidence basis for new and revised nutrition education programs in refereed journals
- Network at the state, regional and national level to communicate research findings with key leaders to ensure that new/revised programs are implemented in a sustainable manner with an on-going evaluation component
- Enhance research opportunities for graduate students interested in engaging in nutrition/health-related community outreach programs
- Serve as a major advisor for FDN graduate students and engage students in Extension nutrition/health research and outreach programs
- Support 4-H foods and nutrition programs through leadership for and participation in project achievement contests, 4-H district and state competitions and through development of educational materials and initiatives for use with 4-H audiences
- Network nationally to enhance program development, evaluation, and dissemination of evidence for “best practices” related to nutrition and health programs

QUALIFICATIONS: All applicants must have a Ph.D. in nutrition, public health, or a related field; Registered Dietitian preferred; have the ability to work independently and collaboratively on Extension programs and research; have strong written and verbal communication skills; have demonstrated potential for extramural funding; be committed to the Cooperative Extension mission. Experience with Cooperative Extension and a history of refereed publications are desired.

THE UNIVERSITY AND THE DEPARTMENT: The University of Georgia, a land-grant/sea-grant university, is ranked among the top 20 public universities in U.S. News & World Report’s 2014 edition of America’s Best Colleges. The University is recognized as a research intensive and community engaged

institution by the Carnegie Foundation. Additional information may be found at: <http://www.uga.edu/>. The Department of Foods and Nutrition is a unit of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences. The Department has 23 faculty and 380 undergraduate students majoring in Dietetics, Nutrition Science and Consumer Foods as well as 19 Masters students and 12 Doctoral students. The Department has strong ties and opportunities for interdisciplinary research and outreach with programs in Kinesiology (<http://www.coe.uga.edu/kinesiology>), Gerontology, Health Promotion, Pharmacy, Public Health, Toxicology, The Biomedical and Health Sciences Institute (<http://biomed.uga.edu>) and other biological sciences, as well as with Food Science and Technology. The UGA Obesity Initiative (<http://obesity.uga.edu>) has created abundant interdisciplinary opportunities for collaboration in research, teaching and service. More information can be found at: www.fcs.uga.edu. This position will work closely with UGA Extension Family and Consumer Sciences Agents in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (<http://www.caes.uga.edu>).

THE COMMUNITY: The University of Georgia is located in Athens, Georgia, 70 miles northeast of Atlanta. Athens offers a rich cultural environment interconnected with the university and is perennially identified as one of America's most livable cities. Additional information can found at: <http://www.visitathensga.com/about-athens/>.

SALARY: Commensurate with experience and qualifications. Information regarding fringe benefits may be viewed at <http://www.hr.uga.edu>.

ANTICIPATED START DATE: July 1, 2015

APPLICATION DEADLINE: The position will remain open until a suitable candidate is selected; however, to be assured of a complete review, candidates should submit their application materials by December 1, 2014. The application packet should include a cover letter of interest that details how the applicant's credentials and experience meet the needs of the position, responsibilities, and qualifications stated above; a current curriculum vitae; and contact information for three references (who will not be contacted without further correspondence with the applicant). Email submissions with attachments are preferred. Please send to fdnapps@fcs.uga.edu with "*Extension Nutrition and Health Promotion*" in the subject line. In lieu of email submission, written application materials can be directed to:

Dr. Judy A. Harrison, Chair, Search Committee
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Confidential requests for information may be directed to Dr. Judy A. Harrison, Search Chair, judyh@uga.edu.

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