

Position Description

Department:

4-H Youth Development and Family & Consumer Sciences

Title:

Assistant Professor

Position Number: EPV 01-84-0901

Working Title:

Assistant Professor & Extension Specialist, Family Studies

FTE: 1.00

Work Location:

North Carolina State University Campus, Raleigh, NC

Job Open Date: March 15, 2009

Job Close Date: April 15, 2009

Proposed Hire Date: July 1, 2009

(Position will be re-advertised if no suitable applicant is found)

Overview:

This position is in the Department of 4-H Youth and Family & Consumer Sciences, which is located within the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and is a core program focus of NC Cooperative Extension. The mission of the department is to provide individuals, families, and communities with research-based educational programs to use in raising their quality of life. Faculty members are expected to produce new knowledge, synthesize research for practical application, and transmit knowledge to the population at large by working with county Extension faculty who disseminate researched-based information to families and consumers in their locales. This position will have teaching and advising responsibilities in the Master of Sciences program in Family Life & Youth Development. Particular areas of teaching expertise include theories of child and youth development and family science, and administration of family life programs in community settings. This is a tenure track position with 50% Extension appointment and 50% teaching appointment.

Departmental Required Skills:

Effective oral and written communication skills for lay and professional audiences are essential. Evidence of excellent interpersonal skills, team building, problem-solving ability, networking skills, and ability to work with diverse groups is necessary. Demonstrated grant writing skills, and familiarity with electronic media and distance-education are highly desirable.

Essential Responsibilities:

- Provide statewide leadership and technical expertise to county Extension faculty for developing, implementing and evaluating educational programs in family systems, parenting, and child development.
- Synthesize relevant research and current and future demographic and socioeconomic trends related to all stages of families.
- Develop and evaluate education programs that focus on contemporary needs of today's families.
- Conduct in-service education for field faculty.
- Develop relationships with agencies, organizations, and other universities involved in child care, family life, and parent engagement.
- Participate actively in regional and national professional associations.
- Conduct applied research in a focused area of expertise.
- Seek external grants, contracts, and unrestricted gifts to support his/her research and extension programs.
- Publish research and extension impacts in refereed journals and extension publications.
- Provide leadership for ensuring that Extension programs are open to all citizens regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age or disability.
- Participate in Departmental functions and activities and serve on and provide leadership to Extension program committees.
- Statewide overnight travel is required.

Minimum Experience/Education:

Ph.D. in, human development, family studies, child development or a closely related field required. Effective oral and written communication skills for lay and professional audiences are essential. Evidence of excellent interpersonal skills, team building, problem-solving ability, networking skills, and ability to work with diverse groups is necessary.

Preferred Experience, Skills, Training/Education:

Demonstrated leadership with an academic program, classroom teaching, student advising, program scheduling, administration and management. Demonstrated grant writing skills, and familiarity with electronic media and distance-education are highly desirable as is experience with Cooperative Extension.

Employment Status:

The position is a 50% Extension and 50% academic appointment. It is a 12-month tenure track position in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. The position reports directly to the Department Head for the Department of 4-H Youth Development and Family & Consumer Sciences. Salary and academic tenure are commensurate with professional qualifications and experience.

About NC State University and the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences:

North Carolina State University is located in North Carolina's capital city, Raleigh. North Carolina State University anchors one corner of the Research Triangle Park, which houses more than 140 organizations dedicated to innovative research and development. Duke University in Durham and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill mark the other two points of the triangle. This fast-growing area consistently ranks as one of the nation's best places to live and

do business. It is a nationally recognized leader in science and technology with historic strengths in agriculture and engineering, NC State has 7,000 employees including approximately 1,800 faculty and extension field faculty and a student population of over 29,000. The university offers a dual career assistance program, a spousal hiring program, parental leave, dependent day care and medical flexible spending accounts, a 529 College Savings program, and a faculty assistance program. The Department of 4-H Youth Development and Family & Consumer Sciences consists of 14 tenure track faculty, 12 Extension Professionals and 8 Administrative Support Staff. Currently the faculty contribute expertise in parenting, child development, adult development and aging, nutrition, child health, housing, environmental quality, food safety, leadership, and community development. For more information, visit the university website www.ncsu.edu or the departmental website www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/fcs

Application Procedure: Submit cover letter, resume, via the NCSU website at <http://www.ncsu.edu/jobs/>, and mail 3 letters of references to Dr. Karen DeBord at the address below. Proper documentation of identity and employability will be required.

Contact: Send inquiries and letters of references to:
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