Extension State Specialist, 4-H Positive Youth Development

Summary

University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension (UNHCE) seeks an Extension State Specialist focused on 4-H Positive Youth Development programming. This faculty level position is responsible for developing the 4-H program so it can achieve meaningful outcomes with the youth and families of NH. This program development will involve grant writing, program design, and the evaluation of outcomes such that stakeholders will be aware of the program’s impact and staff will be able to engage in data-driven quality improvement. The successful candidate will use his/her research and practitioner experience to help integrate the county-based 4-H program and state 4-H Camp with the rest of the UNHCE Youth and Family program’s Areas of Expertise teams (currently: Child, Youth & Family Resilience, Healthy Living, and Science Literacy).

This position will have an affiliation within UNH College of Health and Human Services Recreation Management and Policy Department, where s/he will work to create mutually beneficial connections between department faculty and community-based UNHCE resources.

Responsibilities

- **4-H Area of Expertise (AoE) Team Leadership:** Develop and manage 4-H AoE team logic model to ensure high impact and innovative programming. Provide program content leadership in line with national 4-H priorities and logic models. Help to provide and coordinate professional development for staff and volunteers.

- **Engagement:** Work within Rec Management & Policy Dept. as a facilitator of outreach. Work to integrate campus youth development research efforts with Extension resources, programs, and staff. Possibly coordinate practicum/internship placements. Teach introductory and advanced classes related to youth programming within the Rec Management & Policy Dept. (e.g., Youth Culture and Programs or Theories and Philosophies of Youth Development).

- **Evaluation:** Coordinate evaluation of 4-H Youth Development programming, including design, implementation, analysis, and publication for purposes of informing stake holders and improving program quality.

- **Grants:** Secure grant funding as a principal investigator and through collaborative efforts with other UNH and UNHCE Faculty and staff.

- **Funding:** Secure 25% of annual salary through grants, cost-recovery, and/or departmental teaching appointment.

Qualifications

- **Minimum Qualifications:** Ph.D. or terminal degree strongly preferred in applicable education or youth development discipline (a strong candidate with a M.S. level degree in appropriate discipline with experience may be considered); Experience developing and evaluating youth development programs for K-12 youth in non-formal settings

- **Additional Desirable Qualifications:** Experience with 4-H Youth Development and other Cooperative Extension programming; Experience authoring and managing grants; Applied scholarly interest in: experiential education, workforce development, outreach with underserved/at-risk populations, or similar field; Experience working with community-based volunteers

Applications will begin to be reviewed in early October, 2015. To apply, visit [https://jobs.usnh.edu](https://jobs.usnh.edu). Cover letter and resume may be electronically attached with application. Computer access/assistance is available at the Human Resources Office, 2 Leavitt Lane, Durham, NH 03824 or call 603-862-0501 (TTY Users 603-862-3227). UNH is an AA/EEO Employer. UNH is committed to excellence through the diversity of its faculty and staff and encourages women and minorities to apply.