



POSITION: Nutrition Education Specialist I or II/Health Education Specialist I or II (Full-time, full-year)

LOCATION: Under a grant-funded program through the CSU, Chico Research Foundation, this position provides community nutrition education and physical activity promotion services for low income north state residents and administrative and technical assistance for the Center for Nutrition and Activity Promotion (CNAP).

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS: Under the direction of the CNAP Director, the Nutrition Education Specialist (NES) I or II/Health Education Specialist (HES) I or II is responsible for the interpretation and application of current science-and research-based nutrition knowledge in order to prepare, organize and implement programs for the promotion of positive eating and activity patterns and the prevention of obesity and diet-related diseases. The NES I or II/HES I or II will provide these nutrition education services and consultation to local school districts, community agencies, and eligible program participants. The NES I or II/HES I or II, under varying levels of supervision, carries out a specific segment of assigned CNAP programs by implementing community and school nutrition promotional events and materials; utilizing educational materials such as brochures, displays, and interactive activities to promote healthy behaviors related to nutrition and physical activity; and preparing and maintaining necessary program activity documentation as required by funding agencies. The NES I or II/HES I or II has a broad scope of program supervision such as assisting administrators and student staff with planning, conducting, and evaluating nutrition education programs utilizing current research-based nutrition science or health education and population data; preparing nutrition promotional materials/activities; and assisting with the assessment of community health needs related to nutrition and physical activity promotion.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS: All positions require a minimum of a Bachelor's degree in nutrition, health science, or a closely related field. In addition:

- NES I/HES I requires the equivalent of one year full-time equivalent related work experience or a minimum of a 300 hour internship with CNAP
- NES II requires a Registered Dietitian Credential (or eligibility*) **or** Master's degree in related field, **or** 4 years full-time equivalent related work experience **or** 2 years full-time equivalent work experience with CNAP.
- HES II requires CHES certification **or** Master's degree in related field, **or** 4 years full-time equivalent related work experience or 2 years full-time equivalent work experience with CNAP.
- Bilingual, bicultural in Hmong or Spanish/Latino preferred

The candidate must possess strong interpersonal, planning, and organizational skills. Professional experience must demonstrate the ability to perform the functions described above as well as the ability to establish and maintain cooperative relationships with Northern California school districts and communicating organizations, the campus community and the public; the ability to solve problems by gathering data, reasoning logically and drawing valid conclusions; the ability to supervise staff and communicate verbally and in writing with clarity and proficiency; the ability to be flexible in response to ideas and points of view; the ability to make decisions when necessary and to set priorities and deadlines to ensure projects are completed and questions and problems are responded to in a timely manner. In addition, the successful candidate will provide consultation and training to staff and students, school districts, and other community agencies on adequate/ appropriate diets, how to use available foods, and how to promote healthy eating patterns to individuals. The NES/HES candidate may also provide training to foodservice and public health staff, such as food/labor cost effectiveness, food safety/sanitation, and food production. In order to monitor, evaluate, and apply current nutrition research findings, the candidate should be familiar with strategies for the prevention of obesity and for effective nutrition education and physical activity promotion. The degree of understanding and application in the following areas will also help to determine the initial NES I or II/HES I or II hiring level: community service agencies and other governmental assistance programs; cultural competencies associated with language, social, and economic barriers; techniques of information dissemination, preparations and display of exhibits, leaflets, press releases and other media and audio-visual educational materials; behavior modification/behavior change theories; and California education standards.

COMPENSATION: **NES I/HES I - \$17.00 - \$20.00**
 NES II/HES II - \$18.00 - \$25.00

Benefits include employer contributions to a FLEX plan (i.e., a Section 125 cafeteria plan) from which elections may be made for health, vision and/or dental insurance among other options; employer contributions to a 403(b) retirement plan (beginning year 2); employer-paid life and disability insurance; and vacation, sick leave, and holidays.

The employer is the CSU, Chico Research Foundation, a non-profit corporation serving as an auxiliary organization of California State University, Chico. Employment is considered to be at-will.

APPLICATIONS: Applicants must submit a completed CSU, Chico Research Foundation application, cover letter, current resume, and three professional references. **Note: Incomplete application packages will not be considered.** Application materials and job announcement can be obtained by contacting:

BY MAIL:
CSU, Chico Research Foundation
CSU, Chico, Building 25
Chico, Ca. 95929-0246

OR CALL: (530) 898-6811
OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
<http://www.csuchico.edu/rfdn/>

IN PERSON:
CSU, Chico Research Foundation
25 Main Street, 2nd Floor suite 203
Chico, Ca.

DEADLINE: Applicants must submit completed CSU, Chico Research Foundation application materials to one of the above addresses by **5:00 pm, Wednesday, February 22, 2012**. Applications received after this date will not be accepted for any reason. It is the applicant's responsibility to allow adequate mail and delivery time.

DISCLOSURE OF CAMPUS CRIME STATISTICS

An annual security report disclosing crime statistics for California State University, Chico can be obtained by contacting the Chico State University Police Department (530) 898-5372 or by accessing the following Website: <http://www.csuchico.edu/up>.

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Qualified applicants are considered for all positions without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital or veteran status, or the presence of a non-job-related medical condition or disabilities. It is the Research Foundation's policy to hire only United States citizens and aliens lawfully authorized to work in the United States. All new employees must provide proof of identity and authorization to work. Prospective applicants with a disability may request and receive reasonable accommodation during the application and selection process.