

Assistant/Associate/Extension Agent (Family and  
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LSU AgCenter

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<b>Job Title</b>	Assistant/Associate/Extension Agent (Family and Consumer Sciences)
<b>Department</b>	Assumption Parish
<b>Institution</b>	LSU AgCenter Napoleonville, Louisiana
<b>Date Posted</b>	Jan. 8, 2020
<b>Application Deadline</b>	Open until filled
<b>Position Start Date</b>	Available immediately
<b>Job Categories</b>	Faculty Associate
<b>Academic Field(s)</b>	Agricultural Extension Agricultural - General
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**Job Description**

Assistant/Associate/Extension Agent  
(Family and Consumer Sciences)

(This is a grant-funded, non-tenure track position. Funding must be available for any continuation of appointment.)

Work Location: The area to be served is Assumption Parish which is located in Southwest Louisiana. This position will work with communities within the parish.

Position Description: The Extension Agent (Family and Consumer Sciences) will serve as the Healthy Communities Program Facilitator and will work under the supervision and direction of the Parish Chair, Regional Director, FCS Regional Coordinator, and the FCS state office. The agent will work on the

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Healthy Communities projects in Assumption Parish designed to improve the nutrition and health of the community members (75%). The community development project will promote a broad Healthy Communities initiative to increase healthy food access and physical activity in the parish by addressing the food system and built environment. The agent will organize community based advisory committees involving stakeholders, local government, volunteers, other health professionals and community residents to identify the most critical needs in the communities served, strategies to address those needs, ways to overcome community barriers to good nutrition and health for the communities and build community advocacy. After identifying parish needs through the advisory process, the agent will then work with advisory committees and community groups to promote healthy behaviors among the parish. The agent will provide primary leadership in planning, implementing, evaluating and reporting food and physical activity environmental and systems interventions as well as implementing health and nutrition education programming for adult and youth in the parish leading up to and as a result of these efforts. In addition to providing leadership to the Healthy Communities initiative, this individual will supervise nutrition education outreach efforts of a SNAP-Ed nutrition educator (15%) and provide general nutrition programming to other individuals and families as needed and requested (10%). This individual must be willing to maintain professional competence as an extension agent of the LSU AgCenter. The agent is expected to work collaboratively with other agents in the parish and to perform other tasks as assigned by supervisor(s). Coordination and collaboration with other LSU AgCenter Extension faculty and SU AgCenter staff will be essential. In order to attend and conduct programming to meet the needs of clientele, this position may require overnight travel and work on evenings and weekends.

Qualification Requirements: A baccalaureate degree in community development and planning, city and regional planning, humanities, social sciences, community nutrition, human foods and nutrition, family and consumer sciences, dietetics, or other qualifying degree from an accredited college or university is required. Degrees in other fields that relate to the duties of the position may be considered if combined with directly related experience. Must have an undergraduate degree with an overall grade-point average of at least 2.5 (all GPA requirements based on a 4.0 system) and a 3.0 for graduate work attempted, if any, or master's degree or a current grade-point average of at least 3.0 on at least 12 hours of graduate credit. This applicant must demonstrate effective oral and written communication skills. Applicant must have knowledge of community organizing. Two years of experience is desired in recruiting, training and supervising volunteers and paraprofessionals and experience in teaching and applying principles of leadership development to both youth and adults is also desired. Knowledge of public relations, food systems, walkability, a familiarity of the cultures within the parishes assigned and the ability to cope with change are highly desirable characteristics. Ability to work with and through others is essential, as is the ability to function with minimum supervision. Successful candidates will exemplify a positive attitude and a passion to improve the lives of others.

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**Salary and Benefits:** Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. The LSU AgCenter has an attractive benefits package with a wide variety of benefit options. Benefits offered include retirement, multiple medical insurance options, supplemental insurances (dental, life, long-term disability, accident, vision, long-term care, etc.), Tax Saver Flexible Benefits Plan (saves tax dollars on some child care and medical expenses), university holidays (14 per year, typically includes a week off at Christmas), generous annual (vacation) and sick leave benefits, Employee Assistance Program, and possible educational leave and tuition exemption for coursework at campuses of the LSU System. Specific benefits depend on job category, percent effort and length of employment.

**Conditions of Employment:** A personal automobile and appropriate insurance coverage is required (travel allowance provided). Satisfactory completion of two specific graduate level extension courses (6 credit hours) is generally required in the first two years of employment. Additionally, a faculty member who does not have a related master's degree must complete an additional 9 hours of related graduate level coursework in order to be promoted to associate agent and such promotion must occur in the first seven years of employment. An exception is that additional agent experience may be substituted for nine hours of coursework, but not for the two required courses.

**Application Deadline:** February 6, 2020 or until a suitable candidate is identified.

**Application Procedure:** Apply online at <https://lsu.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/LSU> (or in Workday for internal applicants) by attaching cover letter with resume including a statement of professional interest and goals, university transcripts, and two letters of reference. Paper, faxed or e-mailed application materials will not be accepted, except that in lieu of attaching the reference letters online, they may be sent directly to:

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