

Assistant/Associate Extension Agent (Supplemental  
Nutrition Assistance Education Program)  
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<b>Department</b>	Bossier Parish
<b>Institution</b>	LSU AgCenter Bossier City, Louisiana
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## POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(This is an 70% grant-funded, non-tenure track position. Funding must be available for any continuation of appointment.)

**Work Location:** Extension offices in Caddo and Bossier Parishes. The domicile location can be in either parish. The areas to be served are Caddo and Bossier for 70% SNAP efforts and 30% for FOH (Flavors of Health) efforts between the two parishes.

**Position Description:** The Assistant/Associate/ Extension Agent will work under the supervision and direction of the parish chair, regional director, Nutrition and Community Health (NCH) regional

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coordinator and NCH state office staff. This position is 70% Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) and 30% Flavors of Health (FoH). The Extension Agent is responsible for organizing and maintaining an advisory committee involving local government officials, volunteers, health professionals, community residents, and other stakeholders to identify local nutrition-related needs and locally appropriate strategies to address those needs. The agent will provide community-based nutrition education programming for adults and youth, geared toward promoting healthy behaviors to help prevent or manage chronic disease. The agent will also provide leadership in planning, implementing, evaluating, and reporting food and physical activity environmental and systems interventions. As an Extension employee, the agent must be willing to continue professional development and maintain professional competence and its application to programming. The incumbent is expected to perform other tasks that may be assigned by supervisor(s) and work cooperatively with other Extension faculty at the parish, district, and state levels. In order to attend and conduct programming to meet the needs of the clientele, this position requires occasional overnight travel and working on evenings and weekends.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – Education (SNAP-Ed) – 70% Assignment

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Education (SNAP-Ed) Agent focuses on providing nutrition education to limited-resource families and individuals, particularly those enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Its primary objective is to educate this demographic on essential topics, including nutrition, diet and health, food buying, budgeting, food safety, gardening practices, and food preparation skills. The ultimate goal of SNAP-Ed is to facilitate behavior change that promotes a healthy lifestyle, ensuring that participants are better equipped to make informed, nutritious food choices and improve their overall well-being. In essence, SNAP-Ed seeks to empower limited-resource communities with the knowledge and skills needed to achieve and maintain better health through dietary and lifestyle changes.

Flavors of Health (FoH) – 30% Assignment

The Flavors of Health (FoH) agent is responsible for planning, promoting, and conducting programs and events with a focus on nutrition, healthy eating, physical activity, and skill-building, all aimed at reducing chronic disease risk. These programs are primarily geared towards Louisiana's adult populations, although there's encouragement for youth programming when opportunities arise, and agent time permits. FoH programs are to be conducted throughout the year, ensuring a balanced

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schedule, and accommodating various audience availabilities by scheduling at different times and days. Agents are expected to use diverse presentation and teaching techniques to cater to various learning styles. The FoH agent's role also involves involvement in local media, mass media, social media, video shoots, Advisory Groups, school programs, summer programs, Ag fairs/events, health expos, recipe and resource development, networking, participant recruitment, and more. Additionally, FoH agents are required to engage in Healthy Communities projects annually and can collaborate with SNAP-Ed and/or EFNEP agents, where suitable geographically and where efforts can be equally shared.

**Qualification Requirements:** A baccalaureate degree in community nutrition, human foods and nutrition, family and consumer sciences, dietetics, human development, kinesiology, public health, education or closely related field from an accredited college or university is required. A master's degree in nutrition or a health-related field is preferred. 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 with an overall grade-point average of at least 3.0 or a current grade-point average of at least 3.0 on at least 12 hours of graduate credit. The applicant must demonstrate effective oral and written communication skills. Experience in recruiting, training, and supervising volunteers and experience in teaching and applying principles of leadership development to both adults and youth is also desired. Knowledge of public relations, flexibility, and the ability to cope with change are highly desirable characteristics. The ability to work with others is essential, as is the ability to function with minimum supervision. The successful candidate will exemplify a positive attitude and a passion to improve the lives of others.

**Salary and Benefits:** Salary will be commensurate with education 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.



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**Conditions of Employment:** A personal automobile, appropriate insurance coverage, and a cellular phone is required (travel allowance provided). Satisfactory completion of one specific graduate level extension course is generally required in the first two years of employment. Additionally, a faculty member without a master's degree must complete a minimum of 15 hours of related graduate level coursework in order to be promoted to associate agent and such promotion must occur within the first seven years of employment.

**Date Available:** Upon completion of the selection process.

**Application Deadline:** October 27, 2024 or until a suitable candidate is identified.

**Application Procedure:** Qualified candidates must apply online at <https://lsu.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/LSU> (or through Workday for internal applicants) by attaching file(s) containing a curriculum vita, a letter of application, official university transcripts, two letters of reference and a statement describing how diversity would figure into your teaching, research, or extension activities. Questions about the online application system should be directed to the HRM Office at 225/578-0324. (Paper, faxed, or emailed application materials will not be accepted.) In lieu of attaching the letters of reference, they may be sent directly to:

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