University of Delaware

Position: Part Time Nutritionist

Location: Student Health Services, Laurel Hall

Hours: 15-29 hours/week

This is a non-benefitted position

Deadline: Until filled. Applications reviewed immediately.

Hiring manager contact: Amy Wilcoxon, MA, RD, LDN, CDCES (alb@udel.edu). Please submit a cover letter, resume, and contact information for two professional references.

Context of the Job:

Student Health Services (SHS) is the primary student health unit on the University of Delaware Campus. Situated within the Division of Student Life, SHS provides essential services and support to students and campus stakeholders to enhance the development of personal and social responsibility and to foster safe, healthy, inclusive, and supportive communities at UD. SHS partners with students and staff to develop vibrant inclusive environments which encourage student success and engagement, a culture of care for all members, values-congruent decision-making, and the cultivation of skills and knowledge so students may become citizens and leaders in our increasingly global society. Staff members support the Mission and Vision of Student Health Services as well as those of the Division of Student Life to ensure student success.

Under the limited direction of the Executive Director of Student Health Services (SHS), the Nutritionist is responsible for developing, coordinating, providing, and evaluating clinical nutrition services and related educational programs for various University constituencies, such as faculty, staff, students and campus agencies; provides direct therapeutic nutrition services, assessment and triage of patients, many with significant health history. Exercises a high degree of independence while keeping the Executive Director of Student Health Services fully informed; establishes work plan and priorities with guidance from the Executive Director to assure conformance with established policies, practices, and mission; refers problems lacking clear precedent to the Executive Director. Clinical or therapeutic issues are reviewed with the full time nutritionist and the appropriate designated department liaison, such as a medical care provider/director or mental health care provider/director.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Direct comprehensive therapeutic patient care, coordination of care with other campus and off-campus healthcare associates, the development of nutrition education programs and seminars on nutritional topics on campus.
- Perform a variety of specialized duties related to the nutrition counseling of students. This may include, but not limited to the provision of Medical Nutrition Therapy and nutrition education/counseling for various conditions including, but not limited to eating disorders, diabetes, weight management, cardiovascular disease, gastrointestinal disorders, food allergies, sports nutrition, and general healthy eating education.
• Coordinate clinical care plans with other healthcare providers, make appropriate referrals to other campus and off-campus agencies, including SHS providers, Counseling Center, Health Promotion, off-campus therapists, Eating disorder treatment centers and programs.
• Assess, develop, implement, and evaluate appropriate multidisciplinary protocols, and programs for patients with health/medical situations with significant nutritional involvement such as diabetes and eating disorders; assesses and triages patients, including many with significant health history and/or disability.
• Appropriately discuss, document, and maintain sensitive, confidential patient/client information, including use of medical records; adhere to appropriate ethical standards of professional conduct, confidentiality, and privacy.
• Develop and conduct nutrition-related presentations and community programs on campus including guest lectures in courses, community education and other health and nutrition offerings as requested or assigned.
• Collaborate with key student wellbeing partners on nutrition-related initiatives, including providing support for peer health education programs as needed.
• Participate in special projects and/or committees related to the nutritional care of patients.
• Maintain and enhance professional expertise through appropriate educational and organizational activities.
• Adapt care through a culturally relevant lens for students from historically underserved populations.
• Develop and maintain educational resources appropriate to students and audience needs.
• Demonstrate professional characteristics and ethics by adhering to department and organizational policy and maintaining up to date knowledge and skills in field of expertise.
• Develop and implement policies and procedures as they relate to student health.
• Serve as a resource person in appropriate areas of knowledge, experience and responsibility while exercising considerable independent judgment, resourcefulness, and sensitivity; develop referral linkages and provide referral services.
• Understand, be committed to, and contribute to implementation of departmental and institutional goals for achieving non-discrimination and creating a multicultural environment.
• Serve as a mentor/preceptor for students majoring in Nutrition.

QUALIFICATIONS
• Bachelor’s Degree in Nutrition or other job-related discipline and four years of progressively responsible professional experience in a similar clinical nutrition position. Master’s degree preferred.
• Certification as a Registered Dietitian (R.D.) with the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.
• Specialty certification such as CCSD, CDCES, or CEDRD preferred.
• Demonstrated technical knowledge, specialized training, and ability to analyze and assess complex health problems.
• Experience with counseling and advising individuals 17 to 24 years of age preferred.
• Demonstrated ability to promote teamwork and work collaboratively in an interdisciplinary environment.
• Demonstrated knowledge and application of comprehensive program planning, principles, quality improvement techniques, and individualized patient counseling/education theories.
• Ability to develop and present educational programs and/or workshops. Group educational skills preferred.
• Ability to work effectively with a wide range of constituencies in a diverse community.
• Ability to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing.
• Must maintain professional competence through participation with other members of the health team and with other departments of the University and the community.
• Demonstrates an understanding and consideration of the differing needs and concerns of individuals with varying identities, cultures and backgrounds.
• Committed to fostering a workplace culture of belonging, where diversity is celebrated and equity is a core value.
• Strong organizational & time management skills.
• Ability to work independently
• Available and willing to work evening and or weekend events as needed