

# Northwest Area SNAP-Ed Nutrition Educator, based in Hays / Great Bend, KS

Job No: [514216](#)



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**About This Role:** The Extension Nutrition Program, within K-State Research and Extension, is currently seeking a **full-time Nutrition Educator**. Nutrition Educators serve to meet the Kansas Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) mission of empowering limited-resource Kansans using evidence-based strategies to achieve healthy lives and reduce health disparities. Specific strategies include direct education in various settings; community-based projects to address policy, system, or environmental changes; and public health approaches to help children, families and adults improve dietary quality and food resource management skills and increase physical activity. This position reports to the Northwest Area SNAP-Ed regional specialist.

Duties include, but are not limited to:

- Collaborate with extension professionals to assess the nutrition and health needs of limited-resource residents.
- Coordinate, prepare, and deliver curriculum-based nutrition education programming to limited resource groups and individuals of various ages in settings such as housing authorities, food banks, and schools.
- Provide in-person, virtual, and hybrid education options for the service area, as well as virtual and hybrid programs for statewide audiences.
- Develop partnerships and contacts with local service agencies, school districts and other community organizations.
- Serve as a SNAP-Ed program and K-State Research & Extension representative for Northwest Kansas.
- Participate in local community coalitions to promote, implement, and support initiatives for Policy, System, and Environmental (PSE) changes related to SNAP-Ed goals and objectives.
- Gather data and compile SNAP-Ed reports and records for submission to the state SNAP-Ed office on a monthly, quarterly, and annual basis.

**Location:**

This position will serve multiple communities in Northwest Kansas, including the counties of Barton, Ellis, Ellsworth, Lane, Ness, Rush, and Russell. **Primary office location is negotiable between Hays and Great Bend, KS.** Regular travel to various sites within the service area is required, along with occasional overnight travel for trainings (approximately 3-4 times per year).

## Why Join Us:

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) is a nutrition education program provided at no cost to Kansas families with limited resources. Our goal is to provide nutrition education to individuals and families who receive food assistance or who are eligible to receive food assistance. In addition, we promote, implement, and support initiatives for Policy, System, and Environmental changes to improve dietary quality, prevent obesity, and increase physical activity. SNAP-Ed is sponsored by the USDA through a contract with the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) and implemented by K-State Research and Extension (KSRE). For more information go to [ksu.edu/ks-snaped/](http://ksu.edu/ks-snaped/)

**This position is benefits eligible:** health insurance, life insurance, retirement plans, tuition assistance program, paid time off-vacation, sick and holidays. To learn more visit: [www.k-state.edu/hcs/benefits](http://www.k-state.edu/hcs/benefits)

## We Support Diversity and Inclusion:

Kansas State University embraces diversity and inclusion. The university actively seeks individuals who foster a collegial environment and cooperative interactions with coworkers, students, and others. The University is dedicated to promoting the [Principles of Community](#).

## What You'll Need to Succeed:

### Minimum Requirements:

- High School Diploma or equivalent
- Two years of relevant experience. *Education may be substituted for experience as determined relevant by the hiring manager.*

### Preferred Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree, preferably in Nutrition; Family and Consumer Sciences; Public Health; Education; or a closely related field
- Knowledge of and experience working with limited resource families, diverse audiences, and relevant subject matters, including food safety
- Exemplary written and verbal communication skills, confident speaking in front of groups and facilitating meetings
- Demonstrated leadership skills in community health promotion and delivery of educational programs
- Experience complying with grant reporting requirements and policies and procedures
- Knowledge and/or experience with public health approaches to promote policy, system, and environmental changes and improve access to healthy food and physical activity opportunities
- Ability to communicate effectively with both English and Spanish-speaking learners

### Other Requirements:

- *Applicants must be currently authorized to work in the United States at the time of employment*
- Valid driver's license, proof of vehicle insurance and reliable transportation

**How to Apply:** Apply online on the [K-State Careers website](https://ksre.ksu.edu/jobs) or visit [ksre.ksu.edu/jobs](https://ksre.ksu.edu/jobs)

Please submit the following documents:

1. Cover letter
2. Resume
3. Contact information for three professional references

**Screening of Applications Begins:**

Screening will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. *For more information, contact Janelle VanKooten at [janellev@ksu.edu](mailto:janellev@ksu.edu).*

**Anticipated Hiring Salary Range:**

\$16.00 - \$20.00/hour

**Equal Employment Opportunity:**

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**Background Screening Statement:**

In connection with your application for employment, Kansas State University will procure a Background Screen on you as part of the process of considering your candidacy as an employee.

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