**JOB DESCRIPTION**

**Sports Registered Dietitian**

**Definition of Class**
This is a professional position that provides nutrition assessment, as well as, team and individual education for athletes based on performance nutrition standards. The incumbent will also serve as a resource to the Athletics Department. This position will exercise discretion and independent judgment.

**Examples of Work Performed**
Provides initial athlete nutrition assessment, counseling and education.

Documents results and communicates findings to the student athlete.

Conducts individual and team, nutritional education for specific sport requirements.

Makes recommendations regarding nutrition supplements in accordance with SEC and NCAA rules and regulations.

Conducts body composition analysis. Communicates the nutritional influence of the results to the student athlete and coaches.

Implements a hydration and electrolyte protocol.

Translates hydration science into practice and educates student athletes on hydration needs.

Plans and coordinates nutritional needs for pre-game, post-game and travel meals for assigned sports.

Educates athletes and the athletic staff on the rationale for meals and snacks.

Develops palatable menus suitable for a variety of sports and nutritional needs.

Communicates with chef and food service personnel to assure quality food is served.

Develops nutrition information to be made available electronically for student athletes and athletic staff.

Utilizes social media (i.e. Twitter, Facebook, etc.) to provide continued education.

Meets with prospective student athletes to promote recruitment efforts.

Performs related or similar duties as required or assigned.

**Essential Functions**
These essential functions include, but are not limited to, the following. Additional essential functions may be identified and included by the hiring Department.

1. Provides initial athlete nutrition assessment, counseling and education.
2. Plans and coordinates nutritional needs for pre-game, post-game, and travel meals for assigned sports.

3. Makes recommendations regarding nutrition supplements in accordance with SEC and NCAA rules and regulations.

**Minimum Qualifications**

These minimum qualifications have been agreed upon by Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) in this job class and are based upon a job analysis and the essential functions. However, if a candidate believes he/she is qualified for the job although he/she does not have the minimum qualifications set forth below, he/she may request special consideration through substitution of related education and experience, demonstrating the ability to perform the essential functions of the position. Any request to substitute related education or experience for minimum qualifications must be addressed to The University of Mississippi's Department of Human Resources in writing, identifying the related education and experience which demonstrates the candidate's ability to perform all essential functions of the position.

**Physical Requirements:** These physical requirements are not exhaustive, and additional job related physical requirements may be added to these by individual agencies on an as needed basis. Corrective devices may be used to meet physical requirements.

- **Vision:** No special vision requirement.
- **Speaking/Hearing:** Ability to give and receive information through speaking and listening.
- **Motor Coordination:** While performing the duties of this job, the incumbent is frequently required to sit. The incumbent is occasionally required to stand; walk; taste or smell; stoop, kneel, crouch, or bend; and reach with hands and arms.

**Experience/Educational Requirements:**

- **Education:**
  A Bachelor’s Degree from a four-year college or university in Dietetics or related field.
  AND

- **Experience:**
  Two (2) years of experience related to the above-described duties.
  AND

- **Licensure:**
  Incumbent must be Registered Dietitian or eligible for a license within (12) months of employment.

- **Substitution Statement:**
  Related experience may be substituted for education, on a basis set forth and approved by the Department of Human Resources.

**Interview Requirements**

Any candidate who is called for an interview must notify the Department of Human Resources in writing of any reasonable accommodation needed prior to the date of the interview.

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