



Director of Clinical and Occupational Health Education

The AgriSafe Network is seeking a Director of Clinical and Occupational Health Education (COHE). AgriSafe is a national 501(c)(3) non-profit organization representing health and safety professionals who strive to reduce health disparities found among the agricultural community.

The Director of COHE will work closely with AgriSafe's Executive Director in this full time, remote opportunity. The Director of COHE will lead the development and implementation of educational opportunities for rural healthcare providers and educators. The position is designed for a trained professional who is self-directed, possesses strong interpersonal skills, and values a team approach. This person will not provide direct patient care as part of their job responsibilities.

Position Responsibilities

- Serve as the AgriSafe specialist for agricultural occupational health information related to common agricultural work exposures (i.e. respiratory, hearing, ergonomic, infections disease, etc.)
- Direct the growth and enhancement of the Nurse Scholar program
- Research and develop webinars, on-site training programs, podcasts, printed educational material, newsletter articles, and provide media interviews
- Lead the continuing education application and accreditation process for professional healthcare disciplines
- Lead program and curriculum development in discovering new evidence-based research to further expand and build training topics.
- Provide web based and on-site health and safety training programs for the agricultural workforce
- Support and promote the integration of the AgriSafe Farm Response program as a continuing education component for state, regional, and national healthcare provider organizations
- Assist the Community Health Director in the expansion of the AgriSafe Total Farmer Health Coaching program
- Collaborate with the executive director in grant proposal development to support training program expansion
- Prepare progress and outcome reports on projects related to training programs
- Provide the executive director updates on program metrics to be shared with the AgriSafe Board of Directors
- Collaborate with key networking partners (NIH, NIOSH Agricultural Centers, etc.) to promote the AgriSafe mission of protecting the agricultural producers and their families
- Actively participate in AgriSafe staff development activities and scheduled meetings

Knowledge / Skills / Abilities

- Knowledge of occupational health and safety principles and practice, especially as it pertains to the agricultural workforce
- A general understanding of occupational safety and health policy and standard setting bodies (i.e.: OSHA, CDC/NIOSH)
- Knowledge of rural health and safety challenges including exposures, hazards, community impact, and resources
- Experience in rural healthcare service delivery and/or education
- Broad understanding of the public health scope of practice
- Ability to manage student interns and advisory groups
- Ability to communicate clinical concepts to a wide spectrum of stakeholders
- Ability to understand and interpret clinical screening procedures (i.e.: pulmonary function tests, hearing tests, etc.)
- Ability to understand and communicate the relationship between physical health, spiritual health, and mental wellness
- Electronic communication and office skills including Microsoft Office and virtual meeting platforms

Preferred Experience/Education

- Master's degree in Nursing, Advanced Practice, Nursing Education, or an Allied Health profession
- Certification or experience in occupational health services
- Minimum of five years' experience in rural healthcare delivery and/or education

Position Requirements

- An unincumbered and current nursing license to practice in a U.S. state
- Maintain professional licensure and certification requirements relative to this staff position
- Desire to be part of a strong team of professionals with varied backgrounds that support successful program delivery
- Ability to work remotely
- Ability to travel nationally on behalf of AgriSafe
- Complete the AgriSafe Nurse Scholar, Farm Response, and QPR programs within three months of employment start
- Complete an Agricultural Medicine Core Course within one year of employment
- Light Work - Exerting up to 20 pounds of force occasionally, and/or up to 10 pounds of force frequently, and/or a negligible amount of force constantly to move objects.
- AgriSafe employees are required to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19, as defined by the CDC. If not previously vaccinated, new employees will need to receive at least their first dose prior to employment. Proof of vaccination is required.

Full time position salary and benefits

Salary range: \$65,000 - \$80,000 annually

Competitive Benefit Package

AgriSafe is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, protected veteran status, or disability status.

AgriSafe' s Commitment to Occupational Health

AgriSafe is strategically positioned in the rural health and safety education arena and is a major collaborator in program development and delivery. Begun by nurses in Iowa in the early 1990's as a state network to share resources and experience in order to serve the occupational health needs of agriculture, these efforts segued into a broader national scope and formally became the AgriSafe Network in 2003.

Why this position is important to the role and mission of AgriSafe?

Nearly 20% of the U.S. population is rural. Agriculture is a significant part of rural life and its workforce. It is a unique workforce as it encompasses a large section of the life continuum – the very young to those who are well past typical retirement age and is a population at a higher risk of experiencing rural health disparities and injury. Strong education and leadership is essential in addressing the needs in this population. AgriSafe will continue to build on existing programs and promote the integration of occupational health concerns and public health initiatives. Occupational health educators use a public health infrastructure as points of access reach rural healthcare providers and the agricultural workforce to address issues such as infectious diseases, acute and chronic illnesses, mental health needs, aging workforce challenges, and other major issues. The AgriSafe staff member in this role is a key member of a team dedicated to the health and safety of the agricultural worker and his/her community.

Submit an application

Please email your resume with a cover letter to:

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