Title:	Competency-Based Assessments for FCS Professionals: What Should They Know?
Duration:	10 weeks (May – August 2022, depending on the student's academic schedule)
Compensation:	\$4,000 stipend (minus taxes), plus job-related travel reimbursement
Minimum age:	18
Minimum requirements:	 Enrolled in a four-year accredited college or university in a course of study related to family and consumer science, human development and family science, extension education, workforce development, or related fields, with an interest in the integration of these disciplines. Completed sophomore year prior to the start of the program. NOT eligible to graduate prior to December 2022. Minimum GPA of 3.0 based on a 4.0 scale at the time of application. U.S. citizen, national, or permanent resident. Willing to travel (regionally and possibly nationally) and occasionally work flexible hours outside of a traditional M-F, 8-5 schedule. Valid driver's license and reliable personal vehicle.
Preferred qualifications:	 Good creative and technical writing and communication skills. Experience with various survey methods and development of learning assessments. Experience in developing public education and outreach products. Strong understanding of applicable life course development and human ecosystems theories and models. Basic understanding of Cooperative Extension.
Physical requirements:	None
Apprenticeship Description:	 Contribute to an ongoing applied research project to determine and assess proficiency in the foundational competencies needed by Family and Consumer Science Extension professionals and educators across multiple knowledge areas – Human Development; Health & Safety; Consumer Economics; Food Safety; and Nutrition. Conduct primary research, including collecting, processing, analyzing, and synthesizing data to inform future professional development efforts in Mississippi. Develop oral and poster presentations and deliver findings to appropriate industry and stakeholder groups. Maintain a reflection journal outlining apprenticeship experiences.
Other Information:	This apprenticeship is based in Starkville, MS. Housing is not provided. However, program administrators may be able to assist you in finding an affordable place to live. For specific questions about this undergraduate apprenticeship opportunity, please contact: Dr. Marina Denny Associate Professor and Extension Staff Development Specialist Mississippi State University mdd269@msstate.edu or 662.325.1175 (office)
Application Process:	Online application due by 11:59 PM on February 14, 2022.
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