Agent will serve as a member of an Extension team to deliver educational programs in Family and Consumer Sciences in Marion County. Emphasis will focus on two educational areas - finance/family financial management and housing education for home owners and home buyers (including State Housing Initiative Partnership - SHIP). Examples of financial educational programs include fraud, identity theft, credit card debt, saving for retirement, etc. Program examples for housing include home mortgages, basic home maintenance and care, hurricane preparation, etc. Faculty member will utilize a citizen advisory committee to determine program focus and educational needs in Marion County. Plan, develop, implement, evaluate and report on programmatic efforts.

Position requires development of educational materials including fact sheets, newspaper columns, newsletters and power point slide sets. Agent will network with community groups, mass media and other governmental entities to effect educational program and will market program opportunities and successes. Successful candidate must follow all University of Florida and Marion County policies and procedures and other duties as assigned by the Marion County Extension Director.

Marion County has a population of 315,000 and is experiencing continued development. Noted for the equine industry and the Ocala National Forest, the county is located on the peninsula in north-central Florida. Ocala is 35 miles south of the University of Florida campus. The location offers easy access to Atlantic and Gulf beaches as well as a wide array of recreational activities.

A Bachelor’s degree in Family & Consumer Sciences, Education or a related area is required, Master’s preferred. Applicants holding only a BS degree must make significant progress toward an MS within five years of appointment. Three or more years teaching experience is desirable. Prior to appointment, the successful candidate must pass a Marion County physical, drug screening and background check.