



DCU Ability Project
Occupational Therapist
School of Nursing and Human Sciences
Administrative Assistant
Fixed Term Contract up to March 2021

Background and Role

We are seeking to recruit an Occupational Therapist on a full-time fixed term contract to provide Occupational Therapy to young adults participating in the DCU Ability Programme

The DCU Ability project in partnership with St Michael's House Services intends to promote the employability of young people with disabilities between the ages of 18 and 29 years. The main objectives of the project focus on promoting employability and creating pathways into education, training and employability for young people with disabilities. It is intended to offer this initiative nationally so referrals can come from other organisations or services. It will be located across all DCU campuses. The types of actions that will be delivered will be those that can most support young people with disability to discover how they want to live their life, what their ambitions (in particular with regard to career) are and what is needed to make that possible. On a practical level small groups of participants will be supported over the course of the project with approximately three intakes.

The Occupational Therapist role will be based in the School of Nursing and Human Sciences (SNHS) and will report to the DCU Ability Programme Project Manager.

Principal duties and responsibilities

The **Occupational Therapist** role is to provide an Occupational Therapy service to support adults with disabilities including intellectual disabilities, mental health difficulties and brain injury to attend and undertake work placements.

Occupational Therapy Process:

The Occupational Therapist will:

- Manage a caseload of students with disabilities attending the Ability Programme
- Carry out individual vocational assessments of each student participating on the DCU Ability Programme
- Create individualised support plans and strategies tailored to each student

- Be responsible for undertaking a relevant and comprehensive assessment of occupational performance/participation and developing goals that are student-centred.
- Provide and evaluate interventions to meet the varied needs of individual students.
- Apply the therapeutic use of occupation to positively influence health and well-being

Communication:

The Occupational Therapist will:

- Actively engage in effective therapeutic/professional relationships with students, colleagues and other agencies
- Communicate in a clear and effective manner, adapting method of communication to suit individual/group needs

Practice Responsibilities:

The Occupational Therapist will:

- Maintain registration on the Occupational Therapists Register maintained by the Occupational Therapists Registration Board at CORU.
- Promote a safe working environment, sustainable practices, positive staff morale and a culture that values diversity.
- Maintain appropriate service user records, databases and statistics in accordance with programme requirements.
- Collect and evaluate data about the service user group and demonstrate the achievement of the objectives of the service
- Adhere to the ethical, legal, and professional requirements that inform safe and ethical Occupational Therapy practice
- Provide support, mentoring, and supervision for assigned staff/Occupational Therapy students.
- Perform such other duties appropriate to the office as may be assigned by the.

Roles may change in line with the Programme's requirements and developments. The successful candidate will be expected to show flexibility in line with any changes that may occur and carry out duties as assigned by the DCU Ability Programme Project Manager.

Experience and Qualifications:

Candidates must possess:

- A primary degree and/or a recognised validated qualification in Occupational Therapy at a similar level
- Minimum of three years satisfactory post qualification experience
- Satisfactory experience in mental health, intellectual disability or community occupational therapy practice

- A minimum of 3 years' experience within the disability field
- knowledge of disabilities and their effects in education and employment
- Knowledge of relevant legislation and its implementation

Salary Scales: €34,971 - €52,791*

**Appointment will be commensurate with qualifications and experience, and will be made on the appropriate point of the Admin Assistant salary scale in line with current Government pay policy.*

Closing Date: 23rd October 2018

Informal Enquiries:

Informal enquiries may be addressed to Dr. Deirdre Corby School of Nursing and Human Sciences, Dublin City University, Dublin 9 Ireland. Phone + 353 (0)1 7008524 Email: deirdre.corby@dcu.ie

Please do not send applications to this email address, instead apply as described below.

Application procedure:

Application forms are available from the DCU Current Vacancies (Open Competitions) website at <http://www4.dcu.ie/hr/vacancies/current.shtml> and also from the Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9. Tel: +353 (0)1 700 5149; Fax +353 (0)1 700 5500 Email: hr.applications@dcu.ie.

Please clearly state the role that you are applying for in your application and email subject line: Job Reference #1004 Occupational Therapist – DCU Ability Project School of Nursing and Human Science

Applications should be submitted by e-mail to hr.applications@dcu.ie or by Fax: +353 (0)1 700 5500 or by post to the Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, DCU Glasnevin Campus, Dublin 9, D09W6Y4.

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