

Faculty of Science & Health

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND HUMAN SCIENCES

Clinical Skills Nurse – Nursing Skills Centre (5 year contract post)

INTRODUCTION

A dynamic and rapidly growing University-based School, the School of Nursing and Human Sciences at DCU has well-developed, collaborative relationships with its key stakeholders and partner health services. It is recognised as a leader in its field and is at the forefront of the development of nursing and human sciences research, education and practice in Ireland. The School of Nursing and Human Sciences boasts state of the art facilities and a dynamic, innovative staff who are actively involved in health and social service reform at a national level.

Applications are now invited from suitably qualified candidates for the post of Clinical Skills Nurse. The successful candidate will be expected to have an interest in developing and contributing to clinical skills education and training and research programmes in the School. Candidates with a proven track record in clinical nursing and nursing education would be particularly suited to this post. Excellent interpersonal and influencing skills, together with demonstrable leadership capability are prerequisites for appointment.

NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

The School of Nursing and Human Sciences currently offers the Pre-registration BSc (Hons) in Nursing working in partnership with 6 partner services:

BSc Nursing (Psychiatric Nursing) is offered in partnership with Dublin North City and Dublin North Mental Health Services.

BSc (Hons) Nursing (General Nursing) is offered in partnership with Beaumont Hospital and James Connolly Memorial Hospital, Blanchardstown (HSE Northern Region).

BSc (Hons) Nursing (Intellectual Disability) is offered in partnership with the Daughters of Charity Services, Dublin, and St Joseph's Intellectual Disabilities Service (HSE Northern Region).

BSc (Hons) Children's and General is offered in partnership with Children's University Hospital, Temple Street.

In addition to the above, the School of Nursing and Human Sciences offers the following undergraduate and post graduate degree programmes; Undergraduate degree programmes in Psychology, Health and Society, Nursing Studies and Nursing Theory and a Higher Diploma in Children's Nursing. Post Graduate MSc programmes in Health Care Practice and

Nursing in the areas of Child & Adolescent, General, Intellectual Disability and Mental Health; a MSc and Doctorate in Psychotherapy and an MA in Sexuality Studies.

CLINICAL SKILLS NURSE

The post holder will assist in the organisation and day to day running of the Nursing Skills Centre within the School of Nursing and Human Sciences. S/he will be responsible for the setup, operation and maintenance of equipment necessary to support skills teaching and learning. The post holder will report to the Nursing Skills Centre Manager and will be expected to work on a day-to-day basis with minimum of supervision. Involvement in the demonstrating and teaching of clinical nursing skills and in setting up simulated learning scenarios is a requirement of the post holder.

AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

- To enable the provision of a comprehensive service to staff and students in the NSC – including:
 - Skills teaching across a range of programmes.
 - Effective use of the necessary equipment and supplies.
 - Stock management and inventory control.
 - Facilitation of NSC as an open learning resource.
- To assist the NSC manager and module leaders in the effective and efficient utilisation of the NSC.
- To liaise closely with programme leaders, module leaders and clinical staff in developing models for best practice in the continued development of the NSC.
- To maintain appropriate records and record keeping processes and systems.
- To liaise with the relevant staff in the identification and introduction of new clinical procedures and the equipment necessary to support this.
- To pursue working relationships with clinical staff across a variety of settings and specialities.
- To develop innovative strategies by which skills teaching and equipment will be more effective and efficiently utilised.
- To engage in research related to the effective educational use of the NCS and its facilities as an educational resource for students.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Essential

The post holder will be a Registered Nurse and hold an honours degree and preferably a Master's Degree in Nursing or a related discipline. Recent experience in an acute care setting is essential. S/he will have used a wide range of clinical equipment and have demonstrable teaching experience and skills. The successful applicant will have good interpersonal skills and a preference for working in a team environment.

Desirable

A background in educational research and / or the use of simulation as an education tool would be a significant advantage.

Salary scale: €43,288 to €51,159

€38,959 to €46,072*

*Applies to new entrants to the public sector after 01 January 2011
Appointment will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Closing date for receipt of applications: **18th July 2014**

Application forms are available from: Human Resources Department
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For further information on general aspects of this position please contact:

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