



DCU Institute of Education  
School of Language, Literacy and Early Childhood  
Lecturer in Early Childhood Education (Birth – 6 years) - Psychology  
(Permanent Contract)

### **Background**

St Patrick's College, Drumcondra (SPD), Mater Dei Institute of Education (MDI), Church of Ireland College of Education (CICE) and Dublin City University (DCU) are actively engaged in a formal process which will lead to the incorporation of SPD, MDI and CICE inside DCU and the creation of a single university entity. This process, the DCU Incorporation Programme will give rise to 2 major developments:

1. The DCU Institute of Education (the first Faculty of Education in an Irish university), and
2. An expanded and significantly enhanced Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

The DCU Incorporation Programme will be completed in September 2016, when staff and students of SPD, MDI and CICE will become part of DCU.

### **Introduction**

From September 2016, academic staff from DCU's School of Education Studies, the Education Department at SPD, Mater Dei Institute and Church of Ireland College of Education, form the DCU Institute of Education, Ireland's largest centre of expertise in education, offering degrees that prepare teachers and educators for every level of education from early childhood through primary, secondary and onto further and higher education.

The DCU Institute of Education will be based in a €70million state of the art, purpose built facility on DCU St Patrick's Campus from September 2016, where students will engage with educators who are leaders in their field in an interactive and dynamic environment.

The School of Language, Literacy and Early Childhood is one of six schools within the DCU Institute of Education. The School is currently seeking a Lecturer to join their Early Childhood Education team in the delivery of the new professional degree of the Bachelor of Early Childhood Education.

### **Teaching Programme**

The DCU Institute of Education offers degrees that prepare teachers and educators for every level of education from early childhood through primary and secondary and onto further and higher education.

In addition to the core areas of Initial Teacher Education, programmes are offered in post compulsory education and training at undergraduate, post-graduate and doctoral levels.

There is also a commitment to providing ongoing continuous professional development for individuals working across the education continuum.

Students of the DCU Institute of Education have the opportunity to work closely with internationally recognized experts in teaching and learning in an innovative environment, equipped for 21<sup>st</sup> century learning.

### **Lecturer in Early Childhood Education (Psychology) – Main Duties**

The School of Language, Literacy and Early Childhood is seeking to recruit a Lecturer to work collaboratively as a member of the Early Childhood (EC) team

The responsibilities attached to this position are outlined below. In addition, the person appointed to this position will be expected to contribute to the teaching of other areas of Education (as requested by the Head of School) in addition to the specialist areas, and to contribute to the wider work of the DCU Institute of Education.

The successful candidate will be expected to contribute significantly to the development, teaching, assessment and administration of the existing Bachelor of Early Childhood Education undergraduate programme. S/he will make a substantial contribution to the design, development, and management of future postgraduate programmes and other developments in the field of Early Childhood. As part of the Early Childhood team, the person will also work collaboratively with colleagues in the School and Faculty.

The supervision of students in their Professional Practice Placements in early childhood education and care settings is an integral part of the position. Supervising students has attendant duties of supporting and evaluating them on placement visits, writing reports, and attending relevant meetings. In addition the successful candidate is expected to contribute to tutorials and to the wider teaching of the BECE programme and other Institute programmes as required by the Head of School or Faculty management.

### **Person Specification**

The School requires a candidate who has a strong background in Psychology, with emphasis on child development generally and the development of very young children's thinking and learning in Early Childhood Education and Care contexts in particular. A minimum of three-years relevant experience is desirable.

Applicants for the post must hold a post-graduate qualification in Psychology, preferably at Doctoral level. Experience of lecturing in higher education is highly desirable. Experience of working with the youngest children with special educational needs, and inclusion generally, in early education settings outside of primary schools would be considered advantageous.

The successful candidate will be committed to high-quality research, and publication in leading, international peer-reviewed journals and with high-quality book publishers. They will contribute to the scholarship and intellectual life of the University by conducting research which will enhance its reputation as a research-led teaching institution and which will make a significant contribution to the development of the DCU Institute of Education's research agenda.

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**Further information:**

More information about the DCU Institute of Education can be found at [http://www.dcu.ie/institute\\_of\\_education/index.shtml](http://www.dcu.ie/institute_of_education/index.shtml).

**Salary Scales:**

Lecturer Above Bar: \*€50,159 - €76,891 per annum

Lecturer Below Bar: \*€37,352 - €51,724 per annum

*\*Appointment will be commensurate with qualifications and experience, and will be made on the appropriate point of the Lecturer Above Bar or Lecturer Below Bar salary scale in line with current Government pay policy*

**Closing date: 24 June 2016**

**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](mailto:hr.applications@dcu.ie)

**Please clearly state the role that you are applying for in your application and email subject line:**  
**Job Ref: #339 Lecturer in Early Childhood Education – Birth to 6yrs - Psychology**

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

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