



Dublin City University
Institute of Education
School of Policy and Practice
Lecturer in Education: Initial Teacher Education
(Fixed Term Contract of up to 3 Years)

Background

The completion of the DCU Incorporation Programme at the end of September 2016 saw the coming together of St. Patrick's College, Drumcondra, Mater Dei Institute of Education and Church of Ireland College of Education with Dublin City University – the New DCU.

Staff from DCU's School of Education Studies, the Education Department at St. Patrick's College Drumcondra, Mater Dei Institute and Church of Ireland College of Education formed the DCU Institute of Education. This is Ireland's largest centre of expertise in education offering degrees that prepare teachers and educators for every level of education from childhood through primary, secondary and onto further and higher education.

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

School of Policy and Practice

The School of Policy and Practice is one of six schools within the DCU Institute of Education. The School represents a unique and innovative departure within the Irish educational landscape. Bringing together academics whose expertise range through primary, secondary and further education and training, the School's range of experience and engagement spans all levels of educational provision creating an innovative and research-driven community.

The School is currently seeking to appoint a lecturer who can carry out a number of roles including: Coordinator of School Placement for the B.Sc. PE/Biology, PE/Maths and Science Education in addition to the Professional Master of Education (post-primary); as well as teaching and research. Further details of each of these roles are outlined below.

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 21st century learning.

The Post

The School of Policy and Practice is seeking to appoint a highly-qualified lecturer in the field of Initial Teacher Education (ITE) who will work as Coordinator of School Placement for the B.Sc. PE/Biology, PE/Maths and Science Education in addition to the Professional Master of Education (post-primary). The person appointed to this position will form part of a team in both teaching and research duties and will be expected to contribute to teaching on a range of programmes. They should have both lecturing and administrative experience and be committed to engaging in other aspects of the Schools' work, particularly research and programme management. The School welcomes applications from candidates who have experience of working in partnership with second level schools to create supportive and innovative experiences for ITE students. Applicants must also have experience of teaching and research in Initial Teacher Education. The successful candidate should have a Doctoral qualification in the field. Preference will be given to those who have both lecturing and administrative experience and also have engaged in bidding for research projects. As Coordinator of School Placement, the main duties will include, but are not limited to the following:

- Work in conjunction with the school placement administration to coordinate the allocation and assessment of school placement modules.
- Liaise with all faculties engaged in school placement to ensure effective communication between staff and tutors.
- Develop programmes of professional development for placement tutors.
- Monitor and aid the use of a professional practice portfolio that tracks student-teachers personal and professional development over the duration of their ITE programme
- Enhance current systematic debriefing sessions which are linked to student-teachers personal and professional development.
- Represent the Institute of Education on the SE and PE management groups for the B.Sc PE/Biology, PE/ Maths and Science Education and coordinate the education modules within these programmes.
- Coordinate and further develop the Partnership for Learning Programme for Cooperating Schools and enhance school-university partnerships.
- Contribute significantly to the implementation of the DCU Placement and Partnerships Strategic Plan.

Teaching

The successful candidate will be expected to contribute to the School's teaching in the ITE field and demonstrate expertise in a number of areas including: school placement preparation and reflective practice; curriculum and assessment; school evaluation and evidence based approaches to school improvement; research design and data-use in education. In addition, they will be expected act as a placement tutor for ITE students as well as undertaking thesis and research project supervision up to doctoral level.

Research

The school is committed to high quality research and supports its staff in such work. The successful candidate will be expected to enhance the already significant profile of the School and at least one of the Institute's research centres in the following areas: evaluation, quality and inspection; school self-evaluation; data-use in schools; continuing professional development for schools; initial teacher education; human rights and citizenship education.

Qualifications and Experience

Applicants for the post must hold an honours degree in a relevant discipline, should be qualified to postgraduate level and have completed a Doctoral/ PhD qualification in the field. The successful candidate will also have a minimum of 3 years' relevant experience. Experience in teacher education, school placement, school placement supervision, school university partnerships, as well as school improvement and evaluation is desirable. In addition, they should have a proven research background in the areas outlined. They will have published in high quality peer-reviewed journals and/or with high-quality book publishers and have a track record of presenting research at relevant conferences. The successful candidate will also have demonstrated that his/her work can contribute to the national and/or international public debate and will be committed to bidding for and managing research projects.

Salary Scale:

Lecturer (above bar): €50,159 - €76,891

Lecturer (below bar): €41,502 - €51,724 *

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

Closing date: 8th March 2017

Informal enquiries to: Dr. Brendan Walsh, Head of the School of Policy and Practice, Institute of Education, DCU St. Patrick's Campus

Further Information: More information on the school, including specific areas of research expertise and details of taught programmes, may be found at: http://www.dcu.ie/institute_of_education/index.shtml

Application forms are available from:

Application forms are available from the DCU Current Vacancies (open Competitions) website at <http://www.dcu.ie/vacancies/current.shtml> and also from the Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9. Tel:+353 (0) 1 7005149.

Applications should be submitted by email to hr.applications@dcu.ie or by Fax: +353 (0)1 7005500 or by post to the Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9.

Please clearly state the role that you are applying for in your application and email subject line: Job Ref #497 Lecturer in Education: Initial Teacher Education

This appointment is subject to the post-holder successfully completing Garda Vetting, in line with the DCU Garda Vetting Policy.

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