



Assistant Professor in Physical Education (Below Bar)
School of Health & Human Performance
Faculty of Science and Health
11-month fixed term contract

Dublin City University:

Dublin City University (DCU) is a young, ambitious and vibrant university, with a mission 'to transform lives and societies through education, research, innovation and engagement'. Known as Ireland's 'University of Enterprise', DCU is a values-based institution, committed to the delivery of impact for the public good. DCU was named Sunday Times Irish University of the Year 2021.

DCU is based on three academic campuses in the Glasnevin-Drumcondra region of north Dublin. More than 18,000 students are enrolled across five faculties – Science and Health, DCU Business School, Computing and Engineering, Humanities and Social Sciences and DCU Institute of Education.

DCU is committed to excellence across all its activities. This is demonstrated by its world-class research initiatives, its cutting-edge approach to teaching and learning, its focus on delivering a transformative student experience, and its positive social and economic impact. The university continues to develop innovative programmes in collaboration with industry, such as the DCU Futures suite of degrees, which are designed to equip graduates with the skills and knowledge required in a rapidly evolving economy.

DCU's pursuit of excellence has led to its current ranking among the top 2% of universities globally. It is also one of the world's Top Young Universities (QS Top 100 Under 50, Times Higher Top 150 Under 100). In the Times Higher Education University Impact Rankings 2021, DCU ranked 23rd in the world for its approach to widening participation in higher education and its ongoing commitment to eradicating poverty, while it ranks 38th globally for its work in reducing inequality and 89th globally for gender equality.

The university is ranked 23rd in the world and first in Ireland for its graduate employment rate, according to the 2020 QS Graduate Employability Rankings. Over the past decade, DCU has been the leading Irish university in the area of technology transfer, as reflected by licensing of intellectual property.

School of Health and Human Performance:

A dynamic and rapidly growing School within the Faculty of Science and Health, the School of Health and Human Performance at DCU is developing an international reputation in health, sport and exercise science, and physical education. As such, the School of Health and Human Performance is committed to researching, understanding and disseminating knowledge about exercise and physical activity across the continuum from health to elite sport performance, and to the area of musculoskeletal medicine. The mission of the School is to foster optimum wellness in all phases of the human life cycle through the provision of academic programmes, research and the translation of research into public health or high performance strategies with practical implementation. It aims to achieve this through:

- Pioneering undergraduate and graduate level academic programmes;
- Undertaking research that transcends traditional boundaries leading to enhancement of health, physical performance and quality of life of the citizens of Ireland and beyond;
- Developing a wide range of community-based sport, health-related and injury research programmes;
- Building on our national reputation for excellence for sports performance, preventive medicine, health and physical literacy, and healthy aging across the life course.

The School has already received significant support from the University through the appointment of a range of key academic and support staff and the development of extensive facilities for exercise and sport. As a member of this school you will become part of this multi-disciplinary team. Faculty and postgraduate research students in the School of Health and Human Performance investigate a wide range of topics concerning human movement and education, athletic performance, musculoskeletal medicine and health promotion. The School has a thriving research environment and the candidate must have the ability and desire to achieve excellence in their chosen area.

The School runs the following programmes:

1. BSc in Sports Science and Health www.dcu.ie/courses/undergraduate/shhp/sport-science-and-health
2. BSc in Athletic Therapy and Training www.dcu.ie/courses/undergraduate/shhp/athletic-therapy-and-training
3. BSc in Physical Education with Biology www.dcu.ie/courses/undergraduate/shhp/physical-education-biology
4. BSc in Physical Education with Mathematics www.dcu.ie/courses/undergraduate/shhp/physical-education-mathematics
5. Professional Doctorate in Elite Performance (Sport) <https://www.dcu.ie/courses/postgraduate/school-health-and-human-performance/professional-doctorate-elite-performance>
6. MSc Elite Sport Performance <https://www.dcu.ie/scienceandhealth/msc-elite-sport-performance>

The School attracts high calibre students who are offered undergraduate teaching, research opportunities and practical placements in industry, in education or in clinical settings according to programme. At the heart of development plans for the University, the School is in unique position for significant growth with the establishment and development of a new dedicated Health and Human Performance facility planned on campus at DCU.

Role Profile:

The role is at the level of Assistant Professor on a 11-month basis. Experience in tertiary teaching, applied physical education teacher education, with specialism in Aquatics, Health Related Activity (HRA), and Games is required.

Duties and Responsibilities:

The duties and responsibilities associated with this post are described under three sections below: teaching, research and administration.

Teaching

- The candidate is expected to contribute to development and delivery of the undergraduate PE courses within the School;
- The successful post holder will specialise in the delivery of applied PE content in the area of Aquatics, HRA, and Games, and will assist a variety of other applied PE areas;
- The successful post holder will be required to
 - integrate a range of technologies to assist delivery of PE pedagogical and practical content
 - Carry out undergraduate research supervision in physical education, physical literacy, and other related areas of physical education, and will supervise students on school placement;
 - Deliver modules of study including but not limited to Aquatics, Games, and HRA;
 - Contribute to support modular delivery across the PE programmes within the school

Research

- The candidate will be required to:
 - Pursue his/her research interests in an area of relevance to the School;
 - Contribute to the research output of the school by scholarly publications and conference presentations, as well as undergraduate supervision, and supporting post graduate student research supervision where appropriate;
 - Develop partnerships with the current academic staff, and staff in the associated schools and research institutes;
 - Develop partnerships with academics and research groups internationally;
 - Actively Explore opportunities for funding support for his/her research from both internal and external sources.

Broad Administrative contribution

The post-holder will be expected to undertake administrative functions relating to the activities of the School of Health and Human Performance. These activities, defined by the Head of School, may include participating in School and programme meetings, carrying out key school administrative roles, engaging with essential external stakeholders, actively contributing to advancement of his/her profession at a national level, engaging in meetings related to programmes, and representing the school in marketing and recruitment of students.

Essential Criteria:

Applicants must be able to demonstrate evidence of:

- Experience of working with children and young people in a school setting
- Experience of delivering physical education teacher education content at third level, specifically Aquatics, Games and HRA
- Experience of supervising students final year projects
- Publishing in high-ranking peer reviewed journals
- An ability to teach applied physical education pedagogy,
- Experience supervising students teaching episodes
- Utilizing technologies to assist delivery of PE teacher education;
- Experience of involvement in writing and submitting for grants;

Qualifications:

- Applicants must hold an undergraduate degree in Physical Education
- Applicants must hold a PhD in an area related closely to PE Teacher Education, or be within 6 months of completion of their PhD

Essential Training

The successful individual will be required to undertake the following essential compliance training: Orientation, Health & Safety, and Data Protection (GDPR). Other training may need to be undertaken when appropriate to upskill in areas as required for the post.