



JOB DESCRIPTION

**Assistant Professor in Education
DCU Institute of Education
School of Language, Literacy and Early Childhood Education
Permanent**

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.

Overview of the department

The DCU Institute of Education is the newest faculty of Dublin City University. It is based in a €70 million purpose built facility on the DCU St Patrick's Campus in Drumcondra in Dublin. Established in 2016 as Ireland's first University faculty of Education, it has a staff of more than 140 full-time academics and a student body in excess of 4,000.

The Institute brings together students of education across all sectors from early childhood, to primary and post-primary, and further and higher education. As well as providing a range of undergraduate programmes in education, the Institute offers a rich menu of taught and research-based post-graduate programmes, at doctoral, masters, diploma and certificate levels.

Committed to academic excellence and innovation, the DCU Institute of Education is confident its students and staff, and its graduates can flourish and lead in the challenging and complex contexts of 21st century education.

The School of Language, Literacy and Early Childhood Education is one of six schools within the DCU Institute of Education. The school contributes to a wide range of education related degrees and courses at undergraduate and post-graduate levels. It brings together a large dynamic faculty with a significant range of expertise in relation to theory, practice, research and policy in the fields of language, literacy and early childhood education. Staff are committed to ongoing scholarship and inquiry in reciprocal partnership with early childhood education and care settings, schools, colleagues across the institute and other stakeholders in the education system.

Role Profile

The School of Language, Literacy and Early Childhood Education is seeking to recruit an Assistant Professor to lead the Bachelor of Education in Gaeilge, and French or German or Spanish post-primary teacher education programme and to work collaboratively as a member of the team supporting, and contributing to a range of other teacher education programmes across the Institute of Education.

Duties and Responsibilities

Teaching and Learning

The successful candidate will be required to contribute significantly to the development, teaching, assessment and administration across a range of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes at to include:

- Chairing the Bachelor of Education in Gaeilge, and French or German or Spanish programme,
- Coordinating Gaeltacht placements,
- Module design, development and delivery within the Bachelor of Education in Gaeilge, and French or German or Spanish programme and across the Institute of Education,
- Module design, development and delivery associated with post-primary school placement,
- The design, development, and management of future programmes and other developments in the field of language education and Teagasc na Gaeilge,
- Supporting and evaluating students on school placement visits and writing reports,
- Working closely with colleagues in the School and Faculty to promote the integration of Irish across programmes,
- Supervising undergraduate and postgraduate theses,
- Visiting students on Gaeltacht placements,
- Contributing to tutorials and to the wider teaching of the Institute as required by the Head of School.

Research and Scholarship

The successful candidate will be committed to high-quality research and publication on an individual and a collaborative basis in the fields of professional practice in post-primary education and language education. The successful candidate will be expected to:

- Be research-active in their field and in the general field of teacher education,
- Develop and support research initiatives within the School of Language, Literacy and Early Childhood Education; in SEALBHÚ: DCU Research Centre for the Learning and Teaching of Irish; and the wider faculty,
- Contribute to the scholarship and intellectual life of the University, contributing to the development of the DCU Institute of Education's research agenda.

Service and Contribution to University and Society

Activities will be defined by the Head of School may include:

- Participating in school and university meetings,
- Engaging in meetings related to programmes,
- Representing the School in marketing and recruitment of students,
- Being active in the organisation of seminars and conferences and in developing relationships with stakeholders across the University and in the education sector more generally.

The successful candidate will also undertake administrative functions related to the activities of the School of Language, Literacy and Early Childhood Education.

External Engagement

The successful individual will be required to undertake the following mandatory compliance training: Orientation, Health & Safety and Data Protection (GDPR). Other training may need to be undertaken when appropriate.

Qualifications and Experience

- Excellent Irish language skills, spoken and written are essential,
- A strong background in language learning, curriculum and pedagogy in relation to language education at post-primary level,
- A minimum of three years' relevant teaching experience at primary/post-primary level and eligible to register with The Teaching Council,
- A post-graduate qualification, preferably at doctoral level, in areas related to Professional practice in education and / or Language Education,
- Experience in teacher education is highly desirable,
- Linguistic competence in French, German or Spanish is highly desirable,
- Experience of evaluating students'/teachers' professional practice is highly desirable,
- Strong interpersonal and collaborative skills,
- Excellent administrative and organisation skills,
- Capacity to integrate ICT into the teaching of languages.