



JOB DESCRIPTION

**Assistant Professor in Children's Nursing
School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health
Faculty of Science and Health
Fixed Term 3 Year 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 Nursing, Psychotherapy & Community Health

The School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health at DCU is a leader in its field with expertise in the provision of programmes in Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health. The programmes currently offered are:

- B.Sc. in Nursing across four disciplinary areas: Children's and General Integrated Nursing, General Nursing, Mental Health Nursing, and Intellectual Disability Nursing
- Higher Diploma (Post-Registration) in Children's Nursing
- M.Sc. in Child and Family Health and Wellbeing (new September 2022)
- B.Sc. in Health and Society
- M.Sc. in Health and Social Inclusion (new September 2022)

- M.Sc. in Advanced Nursing Practice (Saudi Arabia)
- M.Sc. in Specialist Nursing for Future Healthcare (new September 2022)
- M.Sc. and Doctorate in Psychotherapy
- Certificate in Homelessness Prevention & Intervention
- Graduate Certificate in Sexuality Education and Sexual Wellbeing
- Stand-alone professional development modules for healthcare practitioners
- Certificate in Peer Support working in Mental Health

Role Profile

The School is seeking to recruit at the level of Assistant Professor in Children's Nursing. The appointee is expected to lead in child and family-focused nursing initiatives across teaching, curriculum design and enhancement, clinical skills/simulation, research, and administration in the School; and to work with external health service partners in supporting and advancing student learning. The appointee will be expected to contribute directly to children's nursing undergraduate and post graduate programmes through research-led teaching, student mentoring and support, and supervision of student projects and research. The post holder will lead research and scholarship in children's nursing and contribute to advancing the Schools child and family-focused research agenda. The post is based on the Glasnevin Campus and the candidate will report to the Head of School.

Duties and Responsibilities

The duties and responsibilities of the position include, but are not restricted to, the following:

Teaching and Learning

To contribute to the teaching and learning activity of the School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health by:

- Coordinating and delivering modules in a manner consistent with the highest academic standards;
- Using a wide range of teaching and assessment methodologies which foster a deep approach to learning and which equip students with the skills and attributes needed to be lifelong learners;
- Working proactively to enhance and enrich existing modules and programmes;
- Contributing to the design and development of new modules and programmes;
- Providing research supervision for taught postgraduate students.

Research and Scholarship

To contribute to the research agenda and profile of the School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health by:

- Having clearly articulated research interests and research profile development plans
- Publishing new ideas and findings in high impact international journals
- Achieving measurable impact via citations
- Generating research income to assist with research initiatives;
- Contributing to research activities such as conferences, seminars etc.
- Attracting and supervising postgraduate research students
- Contributing to the research culture and environment in the School and, where appropriate, working collaboratively on research initiatives.

Service and Contribution to the University and Society

To contribute to the leadership, management and administration of the School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and School by:

- Contributing proactively to relevant School and University committees, working groups and meetings;

- Actively engaging in accreditation-related activities;
- Delivering management and school roles to a high standard;
- Representing the School in activities such as marketing activity and the recruitment of students;
- Developing relationships with stakeholders within and outside the University;
- Engaging in external academic, enterprise, professional, public sector and community activities to enhance the reputation and impact of the School.

Qualifications and Experience

- Applicants must hold a primary degree in children's nursing and be eligible for registration as a registered children's nurse with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland.
- Applicants will be qualified to a post-graduate level and have completed, or be undertaking, a PhD/Doctorate in a relevant field.
- Previous teaching experience at undergraduate and/or postgraduate level is required.
- Applicants will have a record of original research backed-up by publications in top-quartile international journals or, based on career stage, show exceptional promise in this regard.
- Applicants should demonstrate potential to establish an independent research programme and attract research funding from competitive research funding schemes.
- Applicants should also demonstrate excellent interpersonal and communication skills, along with evidence of successful teamwork and a collaborative and collegial approach.