



JOB DESCRIPTION

**Assistant Professor in Physical Education
School of Arts Education and Movement
DCU Institute of Education
Permanent Contract**

Dublin City University

Dublin City University www.DCU.ie 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 and Transformation', it is committed to the development of talent, and the discovery and translation of knowledge that advances society and the economy. DCU was the Sunday Times Irish University of the Year 2021.

The University is based on three academic campuses in the Glasnevin-Drumcondra region of north Dublin. It currently has more than 18,000 students 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 creating a transformative student experience, and its positive social and economic impact. This exceptional commitment on the part of its staff and students has led to DCU's ranking among the top 2% of universities globally. It also consistently features in the world's Top 100 Young Universities (currently in QS Top 70 Under 50, Times Higher Top 150 Under 100).

DCU is placed 84th in the world, in the Times Higher Education University Impact Rankings – measuring higher education institutions' contributions towards the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Over the past decade, DCU has also been the leading Irish university in the area of technology transfer, as reflected by licensing of intellectual property. It ranks first in Ireland for graduate employment.

Overview of the department

The School of Arts Education and Movement is one of the six schools within the DCU Institute of Education. The School is made up of a dynamic and unique group of scholars, researchers and teacher educators working together in collaboration and whose academic interests span teacher education, physical education, drama education, music education, visual arts education and arts and movement education generally, as well as a range of other interdisciplinary dimensions including wellbeing, creativity, inclusion and technology.

Role Profile

The School of Arts Education and Movement is seeking to recruit an Assistant Professor in Physical

Education to join its Physical Education team in a permanent capacity with a start date in early 2023.

Duties and Responsibilities

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

Teaching and Learning

The successful candidate will be required to contribute significantly to the teaching, assessment, administration and development of existing undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in the Institute of Education. In addition to teaching modules in Physical Education, and research based modules, the teaching workload will include module review, design, delivery, coordination and assessment, including at the undergraduate level. 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. School placement, including its attendant duties of supporting and evaluating students on school visits as well as writing reports, will be required. The position includes supervision of undergraduate research projects, student reflection tutorials and supervision of postgraduate theses.

Research and Scholarship

The successful candidate will be dedicated to high-quality research and publication in the field of Physical Education. The DCU Institute of Education is a centre of excellence in educational research. As such, the candidate will be expected to be research-active in the field of Physical Education and in the general field of Teacher Education. Contributing to research initiatives within the School of Arts Education and Movement as well as the wider faculty may also form part of the candidate's research activity. The candidate will also contribute to the scholarly and cultural life of the university, furthering the development of the DCU Institute of Education's research agenda.

Service and Contribution to the University and Society

The successful candidate will undertake administrative functions related to the activities of the School of Arts Education and Movement. These activities, defined by the Head of School, include participating in School meetings, active engagement in meetings related to programmes, representing the School in marketing and recruitment of students, developing relationships and collaborating with stakeholders, participating in open days, engaging in Physical Education events, the organisation of conferences and seminars and promoting the profile of the Institute of Education more broadly.

Qualifications and Experience

Essential

- Primary degree (NFQ Level 8) in a relevant area and a postgraduate qualification in areas related to Physical Education, preferably at Doctoral level;
- Three years' relevant experience in an educational setting;
- Knowledge of the Irish education system.

The ideal candidate will have the following qualifications and experience

- Postgraduate qualification in Physical Education, preferably at Doctoral level;
- Previous experience of postgraduate teaching of Physical Education at university level;
- An emerging or established research and publication record in the field;
- Knowledge of specialist as well generalist areas of physical education practice;
- Strong social and team-work skills, excellent administrative and organisational skills.

