



**Assistant Professor in Education
School of Policy and Practice
Institute of Education
Dublin City University
Three Year Fixed Term Contract**

Dublin City University www.dcu.ie is a young, dynamic and ambitious University with a distinctive mission to transform lives and societies through education, research and innovation. We are a research-intensive, globally-engaged institution, distinguished by both the quality and impact of our graduates, and focus on the translation of knowledge into societal and economic benefit. Excellence in education and research activities has led to DCU's consistent presence in the rankings of the world's top young universities.

DCU Institute of Education

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 130 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.

As a centre of expertise and excellence in teacher education and education more generally, the Institute hosts a range of research centres in key areas of priority and has an ambitious and growing programme of research. With internationally-recognised experts in education policy, inclusive and special education, curriculum and pedagogy, assessment, literacy, evaluation and teacher education, the Institute provides a dynamic learning and working environment. Staff can expect to encounter opportunities for multi-disciplinary work, not just in the Institute, but across the University. As one of the world's leading young Universities, DCU has established its fifth and newest faculty out of a conviction that studies and research in education and the preparation and support of teachers are central to the transformation of lives and communities.

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.

School of Policy and Practice

The School of Policy and Practice is one of the 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,

post-primary 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.

Role Profile

The School is seeking to recruit an Assistant Professor in Education for a three year fixed term contract. The successful candidate will have particular expertise in professional studies in education, and emerging trends in junior cycle and senior cycle education, particularly in innovative and inclusive pedagogies. In addition to pedagogy, a core element of the role will involve the coordination and future development of school placement across several IoE and DCU post primary teacher education programmes as part of a team of school placement co-ordinators.

The position is subject to the individual being Garda Vetted.

Duties and Responsibilities

The post will have a range of responsibilities including but not limited to the following:

-Teaching and Learning

The appointee will be required to contribute significantly to the development, teaching, assessment and administration of existing undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, particularly in the area of school placement. This teaching will include module design and delivery and placement practice including its attendant duties of supporting and evaluating students on placement visits and writing reports. In addition, the appointee is expected to supervise undergraduate and postgraduate theses, contribute to tutorials and to the wider teaching of the Institute as required by the Head of School.

-Research and Scholarship

The DCU Institute of Education is a centre of excellence in educational research and as such the appointee will be expected to be research active in their field and to contribute to, develop and support research initiatives within the School of Policy and Practice and the wider faculty. They will contribute to the scholarship and intellectual life of the University, contributing to the development of the DCU Institute of Education research agenda.

-Service and Contribution to the School and University

The responsibilities of this position will require engagement with post-primary schools, with the Teaching Council, and other education stakeholders. The appointee will undertake administrative functions related to the activities of the School of Policy and Practice as required. These activities defined by the Head of School will include participating in School and programme meetings, representing the School in marketing and recruitment of students, developing relationships with stakeholders, participating in open days, organisation of conferences and seminars.

Candidate Requirements

Candidates should have a doctorate in teacher education or associated field, with a strong background in post-primary teaching and solid foundations in mentoring, assessment and professional development. Familiarity with the Irish education system will be important. The successful candidate will have a minimum of three years' experience teaching at graduate and undergraduate levels. Familiarity with online course delivery systems and course coordination also preferred.

Mandatory Training

The post holder will be required to undertake the following mandatory compliance training:
GDPR, Orientation, and Compliance.