



JOB DESCRIPTION

**Assistant Professor in Physical Education (Above Bar)
Faculty of Science and Health
School of Health & Human Performance
Permanent**

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 is 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.

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>

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.

Duties and Responsibilities:

The role is at the level of Assistant Professor on a full time permanent basis. Experience in tertiary teaching, applied physical education teacher education, with specialisms in Dance, Gymnastics, and Outdoor education are required. Experience of carrying out advanced statistical analysis, including meta-analyses is desirable. 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, design, delivery and

- management of courses at undergraduate and postgraduate level within the School;
- The successful post holder would specialise in the delivery of applied PE content in the area of Outdoor and Adventure Activities, Dance and Gymnastics;
- An ability to teach applied physical education pedagogy is required, as is experience in school placement supervision of undergraduate student teachers;
- The candidate will be required to:
 - Carry out undergraduate and graduate lecturing and research supervision in physical education, physical literacy, and other related areas of physical education, and will supervise students on school placement;
 - Teach Outdoor and Adventure Activities, Dance and Gymnastics;
 - Contribute to the delivery of taught B.Sc and M.Sc programmes in the School;

Research

- Evidence of an active research profile (top quartile publications in the field) is required;
- Evidence of experience writing and submitting for competitive external grants is required
- The ability to demonstrate success in attracting research funding would be a significant advantage;
- The attraction and supervision of research MSc and/or PhD students are expected as part of this post in the School;
- The candidate will be required to:
 - Pursue his/her research interests in an area of relevance to the School and contribute to the research output of the school by scholarly publications and conference presentations, as well as under graduate and post graduate student research supervision;
 - Collaborate with the current academic staff and staff in the associated research institutes;
 - Develop collaborations with academics and research groups internationally;
 - Seek 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 or leadership roles at a Faculty or University level, Chairing programmes of study, 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.

Qualifications and Experience:

- Applicants must hold an undergraduate degree in Physical Education
- Applicants must hold a PhD in an area related closely to PE Teacher Education.

Applicants must also 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
- Experience of tutoring, supervising, and supporting undergraduate students through school placement
- A specialism in teaching the areas of Dance, Gymnastics and Outdoor Education
- Ability to publish in Q1 and Q2 journals, and apply for competitive external grants
- Evidence of applying advanced statistical methods for publication purposes

Essential Training:

The postholder 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 required.