



Job Description

Teaching Assistant (Primary Physical Education) School of Arts Education and Movement DCU Institute of Education Fixed Term Contract – 8 Months

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.

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 Arts Education and Movement

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 growing the national and international reputation of the School through the award of prestigious fellowships, securing large scale research grants, and the publication of research in the leading journals in the field. Academic interests span Teacher Education, Physical Education, Music Education, Drama Education, Visual Arts Education and Arts Education generally, as well as a range of other interdisciplinary dimensions including creativity, inclusion, wellbeing and technology.

Role Profile

Teaching Assistants (TAs) are essential members of the University's academic community. The successful candidate will be assigned to the School of Arts Education and Movement, DCU Institute of Education, and will assist with the hybrid delivery of its taught undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. This post offers an attractive opportunity for personal development while working within an innovative and supportive environment.

The School of Arts Education and Movement is seeking to recruit a Teaching Assistant to join its Physical Education team in a temporary capacity with an immediate start date.

Duties and Responsibilities

Reporting to the Head of School or other designated staff member, the post will comprise a range of responsibilities, including but not limited to, the following:

- Assisting with preparation of materials for, and hybrid delivery of, workshops and lectures in physical education and other areas as required
- Assisting with the monitoring and implementation of sanitising protocols, under the supervision of a faculty member
- Contributing to teaching at undergraduate and postgraduate levels under the supervision of a faculty member
- Assisting in the organisation and marking of assessments (assignments/presentations etc.) under the supervision of a faculty member who has first and final remit for marking
- Assisting the module coordinator with the provision of feedback on assignments to students
- Dealing with student queries concerning module material – via appropriate communication channels under the supervision of a faculty member
- Assisting with the undertaking of research activities
- Assisting with student recruitment and School promotional activities, such as Open Day and other similar events

- Any additional administrative activities associated with teaching and supervision, as required by the School/Programme
- Carrying out administrative and assessment duties linked with the post and such other duties as assigned from time to time by the Head of School/nominee.

Qualifications and Experience

Essential:

- Primary degree (NFQ Level 8) in Physical Education or Teaching
- Relevant experience
- Strong social, team-work, and organisational skills.

Desirable:

- Knowledge of specialist as well as generalist areas of Physical Education
- Postgraduate qualification in Physical Education or related area
- Experience in teaching Physical Education, in early childhood, first or second level, or University level.

The position is subject to the candidate being Garda Vetted.

Essential Training

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