

St Patrick's College, Drumcondra, Dublin 9 (A College of Dublin City University)

ASSISTANT LECTURER/LECTURER IN EDUCATION (ART EDUCATION)

****Fixed Term Three Year Contract**

THE COLLEGE

Established in 1875 as a Catholic teacher training College, St Patrick's College is one of the major Colleges of Education in Ireland. It offers a range of Education and Humanities programmes, including BEd, BA, Graduate Diploma in Education, MEd, MA (Taught and Research), PhD and EdD as well as programmes in Special Education. Staff are organised into two faculties – Education and Humanities.

Since 1993, the College has been a linked College of Dublin City University and it is the University that accredits all its programmes. Staff and student numbers have increased substantially in recent years. At present, the number of students is over 2,500 and the number of full time academic staff is approximately 120. In addition to the main buildings, the campus also houses student residences, the Educational Research Centre, the Drumcondra Education Centre, a primary school and a crèche. A major new building programme, which will substantially enhance teaching and other facilities in the college, is expected to commence shortly.

THE DEPARTMENT

The Education Department has, at present, a full-time staff of over forty, some seconded/contract positions and a considerable number of part-time staff. As well as providing programmes at undergraduate and postgraduate levels, the Department has an active national and international research profile and makes a significant contribution to policy development and critique in the sector. The work of the Education Department includes the following:

Bachelor of Education Degree

The present work of the Education Department is primarily concerned with the education of primary school teachers through the teaching of a three year pre-service Bachelor of Education degree. This degree includes substantial periods of Teaching Practice. Approximately 1,200 students are registered for this degree in the current academic year.

Graduate Diploma in Education (Primary Teaching)

The College provides an eighteen month (three semester) course in teacher education for graduates. Cohorts can vary in size from 60 to 180.

M.Ed.

A two year, part-time Masters in Education is taught from within the Education Department. A number of specialist strands are offered on a rotational basis and, as well as taught modules, students complete a substantial written dissertation.

Ed.D

In 2005, the College inaugurated a new taught doctoral programme over four years, with two years of course work (six modules), and two years devoted to supervised work on a written dissertation (50,000 words). Two cohorts of students are currently enrolled on this doctoral programme.

BA (Humanities)

Staff from the Education Department teach Human Development as a subject within the BA (Humanities) degree. There are currently about 320 students enrolled in Human Development. A significant number of these are mature, second-chance students.

MA (Humanities)

A taught Masters in Human Development is offered over two years. Like the M.Ed, this programme is offered part time (two evenings a week) and involves course work and a written dissertation.

Research Degrees

The Education Department supervises research degrees at Masters and PhD levels.

Award-Bearing Taught In-career Courses

The College has established an Award-Bearing Structure of In-Career Education. This allows modules to be taken for audit or credit towards a University validated Certificate, Diploma or Master of Education degree.

Induction

The National Pilot Project on Teacher Induction represents a collaboration between the Department of Education and Science, teacher unions, Education Departments and the Colleges of Education. The Primary Strand of this project is located in St Patrick's College.

Educational Disadvantage Centre

The Educational Disadvantage Centre was established in the College in 2001.

Located within the College's Faculty of Education, the Centre aims to contribute to best practice in national and international policy regarding the implications of social and economic disadvantage on education.

Centre for Citizenship and Human Rights Education

The Centre for Citizenship and Human Rights Education focuses on global and local citizenship education. It develops and teaches courses on Development, Intercultural, Human Rights and Citizenship Education at under-graduate and post-graduate levels. It has a programme of research and of resource creation and provides a resource and advice centre for students on teaching for global citizenship.

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The successful candidate will be responsible to the Head of the Education Department or her/his nominee by whom the duties approved for the post will be allocated.

Duties of the Post

The following is offered as a guide to the duties of the position:

All pre-service students, Bachelor of Education and Graduate Diploma in Education (Primary Teaching) take substantial courses in teaching Art in the primary school. A smaller number of students study for an Elective Course in Art. The successful candidate will contribute to the design, organisation, planning, teaching and assessment of these courses. Whilst there are some lectures, these courses are generally taught in groups in a practical hands-on workshop format.

The position involves working collaboratively on a team basis with other staff in the Visual Art area. It also involves working closely with colleagues in Arts areas (Visual Art, Music, Drama), with staff in Curriculum Studies generally and with the Director of Teaching Practice.

The lecturers in Visual Art are encouraged to develop a research base in the context of the Primary Curriculum and to engage in on-going research projects, curriculum development and renewal. This research dimension contributes specialism in the Master of Education Degree and the supervision of research degrees.

The person appointed to this position will be expected to contribute to the teaching of other areas of Education (as requested) in addition to the specialist ones.

The duties may change in response to the evolving strategic needs of the College.

General Duties

- Attending meetings of the Education Department and the Faculty of Education, the Academic Council, Curriculum and Teaching planning meetings, the Examination Boards, Programme Boards (where appropriate), sub-committees and other meetings as requested.
- Participating in interviews for entrants to College courses as specified by the Head of the Education Department or College authorities.
- Meeting with visiting lecturers/educationalists and others as requested by the Head of the Education Department or College authorities.
- Liaising with schools, teachers, inspectors, parent groups, NCCA, and other relevant groups, organisation and individuals.
- Assisting with the general administrative work in the Education Department.
- Assisting with promoting the work of the College through, for example, Open Days, visits to schools and conferences as requested.
- Being available for consultation with students and contribute to the well being of students.
- Supervising Teaching Practice, with its attendant duties of supporting and evaluating students on school visits, writing reports, and attending relevant meetings.

Other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the Head of Education or her/his nominee

Information related to the courses taught

Information relating to the B.Ed. and taught M.Ed. degrees is contained in the appropriate College handbooks.

SALARY: ASSISTANT LECTURER €46,474 - €76,853: LECTURER €50,159 - €81,401

Application forms and full details in relation to the above posts are available from:

www.spd.dcu.ie/vacancies

Closing date for receipt of completed application forms: 12.00 noon on Friday 28th May 2010

***** Please note this post which was originally advertised as a fixed term five year contract will now be filled as a fixed term three year contract***