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St Patrick's College
Drumcondra
Dublin 9

(A College of Dublin City
University)

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

INFORMATION RELATING TO POSITION OF ASSISTANT LECTURER IN EDUCATION
WITH EXPERTISE IN THE AREA OF DIGITAL LEARNING

THE COLLEGE

St Patrick's College is one of the major Colleges of Education in Ireland. It was established in 1875 as a Catholic teacher training College. The College offers a range of Education and Humanities programmes including B.Ed., B.A., Graduate Diploma, M.Ed., M.A., PhD and a Doctorate in Education.

Since 1993, the College has been a College of Dublin City University and all courses are accredited by the University. The number of Staff and Students has increased substantially in recent years. At present, the number of students is over 2,400 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 for teachers, the Centre for Early Childhood Development and Education and a crèche.

The Department

The Education Department is a Department of the Faculty of Education. It has, at present, a full-time staff of forty-three. It also has a considerable number of part-time staff.

The Education Department is in a process of restructuring and renewal. It has a central role in developing and implementing State policy in the field of Primary Teacher Education.

Primary Education and Teacher Education are currently in a period of change and renewal. The framework for this is set out in various Government documents which includes the White Paper – *Charting our Educational Future*, Government of Ireland (1995); *Schools IT2000* (1997); *The Report of the National Convention on Early Childhood Education*, Coolahan (1998) and the

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White Paper on Early Childhood Education (1999); *The Revised Primary Curriculum*, Government of Ireland (1999); and the *Report of the Expert Committee on Primary Teacher Education*, Government of Ireland (2002).

These policy documents also espouse a partnership approach. Therefore, a much greater emphasis is being placed on an evolving partnership with the Inspectorate, Schools, Teachers and other partners in Primary Education and Primary Teacher Education.

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 1200 students are registered for this degree in 2007.

Graduate Diploma in Education (Primary Teaching)

The College provides an eighteen-month (three Semester) course in teacher education for graduates. Two cohorts of one hundred students are currently registered for this course (2007).

Induction

It is Government policy (White Paper, 1995) that Induction be introduced for all beginning teachers. The Education Department has had a major role in the development of this work. A pilot project on induction is currently under way in the college

Award-Bearing Taught In-service 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.

Within this structure a range of specialist Master of Education degrees have been established. These are taught in a part-time format at times convenient to practising teachers.

It is planned to introduce award-bearing certificate and diploma courses.

Research Degrees

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

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A taught Doctor of Education degree is now on offer and a second cohort of students have begun their course of studies.

Bachelor of Humanities

Staff from the Education Department teach Human Development as a subject within the Bachelor of Humanities degree. There are currently in excess of 200 students enrolled for Human Development. A significant number of these are mature, second-chance students.

Unit on Educational Disadvantage

A Unit on Educational Disadvantage has been established in the College under the aegis of the Education Department.

National Centre for Early Childhood Development and Education

The National Centre for Early Childhood Development and Education is being established, in partnership with DIT and the Department of Education and Science, on the College campus. Its remit is to implement State policy arising from the White Paper on Early Childhood Education (1999).

Duties associated with the post

The person appointed to this position will be responsible to the Head of the Education Department (or nominee) by whom the duties approved for the post will be allocated.

The responsibilities at present attached to this position are outlined below. It is emphasised that the person appointed to this position will be expected to undertake new duties as assigned by the Head of the Education Department or College authorities within changing/emerging College work and structures.

General Duties

The person appointed will be expected to participate and contribute to the work of the College as follows:

- Attend meetings within the Education Department and the wider College as requested.
- Contribute to the well-being of students and to the general life of the College.

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Specific Duties

All pre-service students (Bachelor of Education degree and Graduate Diploma in Education (Primary Teaching)) take substantial courses in digital learning. The person appointed to this position will contribute as required to the design, organisation, planning, teaching and assessment of these courses in digital learning. Lecturers in this area generally teach the course in groups of up to thirty in a practical hands-on workshop format.

This involves close collaboration and working on a team basis with other staff in the area of digital learning. It also involves working closely with colleagues in other areas of Education and promoting the integration of digital learning across the curriculum through the provision of professional development for staff. It may also include professional development with academic colleagues in other departments with a view to supporting them in their management of departmental websites.

The person appointed may also teach an Elective course in digital learning.

The other duties of this position include the following.

- to be available for consultation with students;
- to keep up to date with developments, issues and trends in relation to digital learning;
- to contribute as required to in-career and postgraduate programmes;
- to supervise Teaching Practices including providing feedback to students both during and following Teaching Practice.

Salary: €35,000 for duration of the contract

Closing date for receipt of completed applications:

1200, noon on Friday 9th September 2011 to:

Human Resources Department, St Patrick's College, Drumcondra, Dublin 9

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