

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

**ASSISTANT LECTURER/LECTURER IN EDUCATION AND HUMAN
DEVELOPMENT (PSYCHOLOGY) - EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

**** 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. 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 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 the University accredits all courses. The number of staff and students has 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 for teachers, a primary school and a crèche. A major new building programme, which will substantially enhance the 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 preservice Bachelor of Education degree. This degree includes substantial periods of Teaching Practice. Approximately 1200 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-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.

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.

FOUNDATION DISCIPLINES OF EDUCATION:

The Foundation Disciplines of Education have been integral to the College's conception of teacher-education and to the B.Ed. and Diploma programmes since their inception. It has been their role to provide a solid grounding in traditions of inquiry that inform educational thought and practice and to enable students to develop intellectual coherence in, and a critical perspective on, their professional work. In the light of its commitment to a humanistic, non-reductive conception of teacher-education, the College regards it as essential to maintain strong courses in the psychology, sociology, philosophy and history of education and to promote cross-disciplinary collaboration with colleagues in curricular areas, teaching studies and classroom practice.

ASSISTANT LECTURER/LECTURER IN EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT - PSYCHOLOGY:

The successful candidate will be a member of the Education Department and of the Foundation Disciplines/Human Development team, attending meetings and participating actively in the ongoing planning, course development and policy formation of both groups. S/he will contribute courses in Psychology to both the Education and Humanities programmes and will be responsible to the Head of the Education Department and to the Coordinator of Human Development as appropriate. S/he will also be expected to engage actively in research that enhances the considerable research profile of the Education Department and the College nationally and internationally.

The successful candidate will have a post-graduate qualification, preferably at doctoral level, in Psychology or Educational Psychology; s/he will also have a strong background or evident interest in primary education and demonstrate evidence of a serious commitment to research in areas relevant to the post

The person appointed to this position will be expected to contribute to the teaching of other areas of Education (as appropriate) in addition to the specialist ones and the wider work of the College

DUTIES OF THE POST:

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

- Planning, teaching and examining courses in the Psychology of Education in the B.Ed. programme; these courses will include core courses taken by all students and an elective in third year; they will also involve tutorial/seminar work as well as lectures;
- Planning, teaching and examining courses in the Psychology of Education in the Post-graduate Diploma programme;

- Supervising Teaching Practice, with its attendant duties of supporting and evaluating students on school visits, writing reports, and attending relevant meetings.
- Contributing to the planning, teaching and examining of courses in the M.Ed. programme and, as appropriate, supervising dissertations of students on the taught and research masters programmes;
- Contributing to doctoral studies in Education by contributing to the Ed.D and Ph.D programmes as appropriate;
- Contributing actively to cross-disciplinary integration both within the Foundation Disciplines and more widely with other course areas within Education;
- Planning, teaching and examining courses in Human Development on the BA;
- Supervising Human Development students in preparing and writing their research projects in the final year of the BA;
- Planning, teaching and examining courses in the MA in Human Development and/or supervising dissertations as appropriate;
- Maintaining an active research and publications profile, consonant with the strategic research goals of the College ;
- Ensuring that the library is stocked and up-to-date with books relating to the appointee's courses;
- Engaging in overall planning, course development and policy formation for the Disciplines of Education in the College's under-graduate, postgraduate and in-service programmes in Education

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

GENERAL DUTIES:

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

- Contribute to the formulation and development of policy within the college through meetings of Academic Council, of the Education Department and other meetings as requested;
- Participate in interviews for entrants to College courses as specified by the

College authorities;

- Meet with visiting lecturers/educationalists and others as requested by the Head of the Education Department or College authorities;
- Liaise with schools, teachers, inspectors, parent groups, NCCA, and other relevant groups, organisations and individuals;
- Assist with the general administrative work in the Education Department;
- Assist with promoting the work of the College through, for example, Open Days, visits to schools and conferences as requested;
- Be available for consultation with students and contribute to the well being of students.
- 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., B.A. and taught M.Ed. and MA 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

To: Mary Donnelly HR Manager, St Patrick's College, Drumcondra, Dublin 9

***** 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***