

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

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

INFORMATION RELATING TO **TEACHING FELLOWSHIP - PHILOSOPHY**

**THE COLLEGE**

Established in 1875, 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.

Since 1993, the College has been a 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 2,400 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 and a crèche. A major new building programme, which will substantially enhance the teaching and other facilities in the college, is under way at present.

**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 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-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.

## **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.

## **TEACHING FELLOW - PHILOSOPHY:**

Applications are invited for a teaching fellowship in the **Education Department**, St Patrick's College Drumcondra for the academic year 2010-2011

### **Eligibility**

Doctoral students or post-doctoral candidates with some teaching experience are eligible to apply.

### **Duties and Responsibilities**

The successful applicant will undertake 6-8 hours per week of undergraduate level teaching. This will involve contributing to team-taught courses in Philosophy of Education and in Human Development as appropriate, leading tutorials and seminars, setting and marking course work, setting and marking examinations, supervision of undergraduate theses and being available for student consultation. The successful applicant will attend meetings of the Human Development team as requested. S/he will attend meetings of the disciplines in Education and of the philosophy team. The teaching fellow will be available for the equivalent of at least 2 days per week on campus.

### **Award Period**

It is anticipated that the Fellowship will commence mid-October 2010 and will continue until the end of June 2011.

### **Value**

The value of the Teaching Fellowship will be €15,000

**APPLICATIONS PROCEDURE**

**Applications should be made by submitting a c.v., the names of two referees and a statement as to why the candidate would like to be considered for the teaching fellowship, to:**

**Mary Donnelly, HR Manager St Patrick's College, Drumcondra by 12.00 noon on Wednesday, 13 October 2010.**

**Information related to the courses taught**

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