



Job Description – Lecturer in Humanities

Job Title:	Lecturer in Humanities	Contract Type:	Fixed-term, Part Time 7 August 2018 – 23 August 2019
Function:	Academic Function	Hours of Work:	9.00 – 5.00, 2 days per week
Reporting To:	Assistant Registrar, Academic Affairs	Salary:	tbc

Carlow College, St. Patrick's

Carlow College, St. Patrick's is a third level College specialising in degree level education in the Arts, Humanities and Social Care areas. The College has a rich tradition of education since its establishment in 1782. Its historic campus in the centre of Carlow town offers an ideal learning environment. The College has a strong reputation for the quality of its education, based on small class sizes, an engaging and research active faculty and strong academic supports for students. Currently it delivers degree programmes involving the disciplines and fields of English Literature, Media and Creative Studies, History, Philosophy, Theology, Psychology, Social Care and Social Studies, and Social Political and Community Studies. At postgraduate level, a professionalising Masters is offered in Therapeutic Child Care. Additionally, it has an international programme attracting students from a number of Colleges in the United States. The college is also developing a suite of evening and part-time courses. Student enrolment is around 500.

The Arts and Humanities Programme

This is a four-year Level 8 BA programme containing the core subjects of English, Philosophy, Theology, Psychology and History. There are several of interdisciplinary modules that draw on two or more of the disciplines and students have the opportunity to undertake a capstone dissertation in an interdisciplinary topic.

Role Overview

The lecturer will be expected to teach on the Arts and Humanities programme in lecture and tutorial formats. In particular, the successful candidate will be expected to provide tutorial support in the areas of Philosophy and other Humanities disciplines and to lecture on the modules Philosophy of Religion, Existentialist Literature and the interdisciplinary First Year Arts and Humanities Seminar module. Supervision of interdisciplinary Humanities dissertations is also envisaged. The successful candidate may, in addition, be asked to contribute to the evening courses planned for the 2018-19 academic year.

Reporting Line

The Lecturer in Humanities will report directly to the Assistant Registrar, Academic Affairs.

Key Responsibilities

- Deliver the teaching specified above.
- Supervise and assess undergraduate dissertations.
- Set and correct appropriate assignments and terminal written examination papers for each module.
- Assist with relevant aspects of academic administration at module and programme level.
- Participate in evening courses when required.

Qualifications

- Hold a PhD in Philosophy or in an area that combines Philosophy with another relevant discipline.
- Have a background in either English or Theology/Religious Studies or both, preferably at level 9.
- Have an active research profile with relevant publications in the area of expertise.
- A postgraduate qualification in higher education is desirable.

Experience:

- Previous experience of teaching or tutoring in a higher education setting.
- Supervision of undergraduate dissertation.
- Proven knowledge of an array of learning support strategies.
- Strong knowledge of the assessment requirements of academic programmes in a higher education context.
- Proven experience of the administrative requirements of teaching at third level.



Skills & Competencies

The candidate must have proficient knowledge in the following areas:

- the role of a Humanities programme.
- the teaching of interdisciplinary topics.

The candidate must be able to:

- Exhibit competence in ICT skills of relevance to teaching, learning, research and related administration at third level.
- Demonstrate excellent interpersonal and communication (written and verbal, presentation) skills.
- Work accurately and thoroughly, and exhibit the ability to monitor work for quality.
- Collaborate and work effectively with all functions and departments within the College.
- Demonstrate high level teamwork, interpersonal, organisational and administrative skills.
- Positively contribute to continuous improvement initiatives and adhere to policies and procedures.

This job description is not intended to contain a comprehensive list of activities, duties, or responsibilities. Additional duties may be assigned based on business operational needs.

Application Requirements

Candidates should submit their C.V and covering letter specifically outlining how their qualifications and experience fits the requirements of the role to hr@carlowcollege.ie Applicants are also requested to answer the below questions with their application.

***Please note that all applicants should consider the following questions when submitting their application:**

1. Do you hold a Ph.D. in Philosophy?
2. Do you have previous experience of teaching or tutoring in a higher level setting?
3. Do you have a teaching qualification?
4. Does your current and / or previous work experience meet the requirements of the role? If so, please explain in your cover letter.
5. **Are you available to start work on 7 August 2018?**
6. **What are your salary expectations?**

Closing date for applications is **24th June 2018**.

*Please note that as part of Carlow College, St. Patrick's recruitment policy, all offers of employment are subject to two satisfactory employment reference checks and evidence of qualifications. This role requires that any offers are made subject to the successful applicant undergoing Garda vetting.

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