

## **BEd Placement Tutor: Job Description**

### **Job description**

UCD School of Education are seeking School Placement Tutors for the Bachelor of Education with Gaeilge and/or Modern Language programme. As a Placement Tutor, you will play a pivotal role in supporting the student teachers while they are on school placement. Students undertake school placement in primary schools in Year 1 and post-primary school in Year 2. Placement takes place **each Friday in trimester two** for both cohorts, specifically between middle of January to the end of April. Key function of the BEd Placement Tutors will include:

- Supervision: Oversee and guide student teachers during their undergraduate placements in diverse post-primary school settings.
- Mentoring: Help students bridge theory and practice, fostering their professional learning and development.
- Assessment: Contribute to student teachers' development as effective teachers by assessing student teachers' performance

### **Reporting to**

Directors of Bachelor of Education with Gaeilge and/or Modern Language programme.

### **Responsibilities**

- Supervision and Mentoring: Supervise, mentor, and assess student teachers during their placements.
- School placement requirements: Liaise with the BEd Programme Directors and Placement Supervisor to align placement experiences with the Céim Standards for Initial Teacher Education and with the overall BEd programme goals.
- Tutorials: Plan and deliver tutorials for your assigned students.
- Alignment with Curriculum: Ensure that student teachers align their practice with the curriculum and teaching council standards.
- Observation and Feedback: Regularly observe student teachers, provide constructive feedback, and create written reports.
- Professional Growth Support: Assist student teachers in developing their teaching skills and professional dispositions.
- Collaboration with Cooperating Teachers: Facilitate positive relationships between cooperating teachers, student teachers, and the school community.
- Professional Development: Attend professional learning and school placement training offered by the UCD School of Education to keep informed about best practices, updates, and any evolving requirements in initial teacher education.

### **Requirements**

- Qualified post-primary school teachers.
- Registered with the Teaching Council as a qualified post-primary teacher of Gaeilge and/or at least one of the following modern languages: French, Spanish, Italian, German, Portuguese.

- Available on Fridays between January and April to undertake supervision.
- Experience in mentoring and supporting student teachers and/or early career teachers.

**Contract**

TBC

**Application Process**

Interested parties should send a current CV and cover letter to Dr Eileen Bowman, co-director of the BEd programme [eileen.bowman@ucd.ie](mailto:eileen.bowman@ucd.ie) by the 30<sup>th</sup> of September with interviews taking place on the week of 14<sup>th</sup> of October.