Job Description – Senior Lecturer/ Lecturer Non-Medical Prescribing - Programme Lead 16606

Reports to: Associate Head of School for Professional Programmes
Location: Milton Keynes
Grade: £41,526 - £49,553 (AC3) and £52,560 - £59,135 (AC4)
Permanent – Full Time

About the role

The Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Non-Medical Prescribing (NMP) will contribute to the work of the Health and Social Care Qualifications in the School.

The successful candidate will possess a current background in non-medical prescribing education and if applying for the role as Senior Lecturer will additionally offer expertise in research and scholarship as evidenced by ongoing professional development and measurable outputs.

As well as contributing to the development and delivery of new and existing curriculum, you may be required to write materials for other modules within the School’s awards and degrees and help to maintain existing awards. Your research (existing or developing) needs to appropriately underpin the discipline teaching materials and help to maintain the leading-edge reputation of teaching within the School of Health, Wellbeing and Social Care (HWSC). To this end you will be expected to join one of the School’s research groups. Teaching in Health and Social Care involves being a member of one or more module teams responsible for the development and maintenance of open and distance learning materials that draw on a system of blended teaching and learning. You should ideally have some knowledge of technology-enhanced learning. If appointed at Senior Lecturer grade you will be expected to take on additional academic leadership roles across the School.

The School’s curricula portfolio aims to make a significant contribution to the education and skills of the Health and Social Care workforce as required by professional bodies and in the light of new initiatives within the Health and Social Care sectors. The development of study skills is an important aspect of teaching across the School.

You will work individually and as part of a team and you will contribute to the team by:

- developing learning materials, including the updating, writing and redrafting of materials, critical reading, editing associated material, and the production of audio-visual and online resources;
- playing a full part in the presentation and maintenance of existing courses, including writing assignments, monitoring tutors and participating in assessment and cluster award boards;
- developing synergies between teaching and research by developing a personal research plan that aligns with one or more of the School’s research themes;
- promoting equal opportunities across all aspects of School activities including teaching and research; and
- undertaking any other duties as required by the Head of School or the Associate Head of School for Professional Programmes; this will include additional academic leadership roles if appointed at Senior Lecturer grade.
Skills and experience

Essential:

- Master’s degree or equivalent in a field relevant to the post (at Lecturer grade);
- PhD or equivalent professional experience related to increasing the pursuit of knowledge in a field relevant to the post (at Senior Lecturer grade);
- Evidence of current registration with the relevant professional regulator for nursing, pharmacists or allied health professionals
- A post graduate teaching qualification;
- Evidence of relevant continuing professional development.
- An understanding of policy and practice issues across the relevant discipline area from a UK perspective;
- Ability to work effectively, flexibly and collaboratively with others; being reflective and self-critical of personal contributions;
- Excellent command of spoken and written English, with the capacity to communicate clearly and influentially with a range of stakeholders;
- An ability to write materials for students studying online in, and outside of, immediate area of expertise;
- An understanding of supported open and distance learning and an ability to write clearly and cogently for diverse audiences;
- Proven ability to plan and organise work to agreed deadlines, within resource constraints, and sometimes under pressure;
- Developing evidence of participation in high-quality research in a relevant field commensurate with career stage;
- An understanding of the role of new technologies within blended teaching and learning, and a commitment to innovation in this area;
- Demonstrable commitment to equal opportunities and anti-oppressive practice;
- The commitment to develop the discipline within an interdisciplinary and multi-professional framework in which there is a strong service-user partnership focus.

For Senior Lecturer you must additionally demonstrate:

- Evidence of research and scholarship – evidenced through publications and or external income funding impacting a field relevant to your discipline;
- Evidence of excellent leadership and management skills including the ability to lead, motivate, delegate and encourage high performance.

Desirable:

- HEA or equivalent accreditation.
- Record of publications in a relevant area that supports a relevant field of practice.
- Ability and willingness to travel for work purposes, and to live within reasonable commuting distance of The Open University in Milton Keynes;
- Demonstrable energy and enthusiasm for promoting Health and Social Care education at The Open University.