

Job Description – Lecturer in Sport and Fitness, Faculty of Well-being, Education and Language Studies, WELS (17329)

Full-time – 37 hours per week
Fixed term contract for 24 months
AC3 £41,526 - £49,553
Walton Hall, Milton Keynes

About the role

The Faculty of Wellbeing, Education and Language Studies (WELS) is one of four faculties at the Open University. In WELS we have a world-class reputation for pioneering forms of participatory and inclusive research (including co-constructed, arts-based and child-led work) in collaboration with children and young people, people with physical and mental health disabilities, people with learning differences and older people. We engage with communities of practice, policy-makers and the wider academy to generate critical, impactful and solution-oriented research in four key areas: Health, Well-being and Social Care, Children, Young People and Families, Transformative Education and Language and Literacies.

This role will contribute:

- to the development and delivery of modules and resources in the programme area of Sports and Fitness.
- to the Faculty's programme of research and scholarship;
- to the academic development and organisation of the programme, School of Education, Childhood, Youth and Sports, the Faculty and The Open University.

Key responsibilities

- Contribute to the planning and preparation, writing and updating of distance learning modules and resources that may include the use of print, audio, video and information and communications technologies (e.g. synchronous and asynchronous computer-mediated communication).
- Contribute to decisions about curriculum, teaching and assessment strategies.
- Contribute to the briefing, debriefing and training of part-time teaching staff (Associate Lecturers).
- Contribute to the maintenance of relevant modules, including preparing tutor-marked assignments and examination papers, monitoring of assessment, and membership of Examination and Qualification Boards.
- Demonstrate the potential to contribute to the research/scholarship of the faculty in accordance with strategy priorities including possible submission as an early career researcher in the next Research Excellence Framework (REF).
- Contribute more broadly to the activities of the programme and school as required.

Skills and experience

Essential

1. Higher degree or equivalent professional knowledge in Sports and Fitness or related field.
2. Excellent command of spoken and written English, with the capacity to communicate clearly and influentially with individuals and groups of varying sizes.
3. Knowledge and experience necessary to contribute to the development and production of modules in Sports and Fitness related curriculum.
4. Knowledge of the field of Sports and Fitness and understanding of other approaches to studying Sports and Fitness.
5. Relevant experience of HE teaching and module design that engages and retains students or the proven potential to effectively contribute to this process.
6. Ability to work effectively and flexibly in a team and collaboratively in a team with others.
7. Proven ability to plan and organise work to agreed deadlines, within resource constraints, and sometimes under pressure.
8. Demonstrable experience of having used information and communications technology for a variety of purposes including learning and teaching, and evidence of understanding of the potential of new and emerging technologies to enhance learning.
9. Ability to engage in research and scholarship through activities such as publications and/or widely recognised and disseminated contributions to learning and teaching in Sports and Fitness.
10. A strong record of research and/or knowledge exchange that is commensurate to the position.
11. Ability and willingness to travel for work purposes, and to live within reasonable commuting distance of The Open University in Milton Keynes.
12. A strong commitment to excellence in inclusive learning and teaching for a diverse student population.

Desirable

13. Higher education teaching experience including creating and marking assessments.
14. Qualification for teaching in a Higher Education context
15. Record of publications in a relevant area.

The Open University is an Institution that strives to create an academic climate in which diversity is embraced by maintaining and respecting the dignity, respect and civility of individuals from all backgrounds, identities, cultures and experiences. The programmes in the Faculty of Wellbeing, Education, and Language Studies play an integral role in achieving the University's widening participation and social justice mission. We strive to recruit, retain and develop the careers of a diverse pool of students and staff, and particularly encourage applications from all underrepresented groups.