

Lecturer / Senior Lecturer in Sports Coaching (Basketball)

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Reference number: SES0911

Closing Date: 2010-01-25

Salary: AC2/3: £29,853 - £43,840 pa, with opportunity to progress to £47,905 pa

Department: Institute of Sports and Exercise Science

Hours: Full time

Start Date: As soon as possible

Duration: Permanent

Responsible to: Mick Donovan, Head of the Institute of Sport and Exercise Science

Responsible for: N/A

Interview date: To be confirmed

Overview

Candidates invited to interview will be required to give a ten minute presentation on the following topic:

"Identify an appropriate topic from the sports coaching process and indicate how you would teach that to a group of masters students in a block of teaching lasting 4 hours (continuous) x 2 weeks (a total of 8 hours contact time)"

This post will strengthen the team of staff contributing to the study of coaching science at all levels (HND, undergraduate, postgraduate and research) and the successful candidate will lead the newly validated European Masters in Basketball Coaching in partnership with the Lithuanian Academy of Physical Education and endorsed by FIBA Europe: <http://www.worcester.ac.uk/courses/12730.html>. The post involves teaching in the area of Basketball Coaching from a theoretical perspective and will also involve teaching on undergraduate practical and theoretical sports coaching science modules. The post requires substantive teaching although, all staff are expected to ensure that their teaching is underpinned and supported by contemporary research and scholarship as well as the development of income generation. Appropriately qualified candidates may also supervise at postgraduate level and contribute to other programmes in the Institute. Supporting students during placements and also advising students undertaking independent research projects in sports coaching related topics will be part of the role. All staff undertake a number of additional duties and, whilst these are subject to negotiation with the Head of Institute at annual review, they normally include consideration of income generation potential. The person appointed will be allocated a mentor who will oversee teaching and administrative aspects of the role.

Background

The Institute of Sport & Exercise Science currently has a full time academic staff of 35. In addition 20 staff from collaborating institutions participate in course delivery through partnership agreements on HND/FD courses. The Institute is responsible for the work of the Sports Centre which currently employs 7 staff and, the Performance Centre which employs a further 5 staff. The Institute is supported by a team of administrative staff and two Sports & Exercise Science Technicians. There are currently 4 full-time externally funded post graduate MPhil/PhD students.

The Institute has an impressive portfolio of courses including HNDs in Sports Science and Sport Coaching in partnership with Worcester College of Technology and Stourbridge College. The Undergraduate programme includes: BSc Sports Studies, BSc Sports and Exercise Science, BSc Sports Coaching Science, BSc Physical Education (non-QTS), BSc Outdoor Adventure Leadership & Management and, Post graduate and other PGCE teacher training provision including PGCE Secondary in Physical Education. No courses are franchised and, the UCAS "clearing" process is not required for any courses. The Institute has a growing national and international reputation achieving an "excellent" QAA rating and has a top six rating for Postgraduate Physical Education. The Institute has a creative culture and is constantly seeking to strengthen its portfolio of courses particularly the development of a taught Masters Degree involving international partners to extend its curriculum.

The sports facilities include: £2.5 million Sports and Fitness Centre, gymnasias, dance studio, floodlit tennis courts, floodlit astro turf and playing fields. Indoor facilities include refurbished exercise

physiology laboratories (BASES accredited), match analysis laboratory, sports psychology, nutrition laboratory and biomechanics laboratory. There is also a world-class Motion Performance Centre which supports teaching and learning, research and consultancy work.

The Institute has extensive international links in Europe, New Zealand and USA and substantial opportunities exist for international staff exchanges and research. Staff are supported in individual and group research projects particularly where research informs teaching. There is a clear research and consultancy strategy over the next five years linked to its strategic aims and staff are organized into research teams.

Significantly, the University enjoys a unique partnership with the Worcester Wolves Basketball Club that adopts a study and play philosophy that has been acknowledged as good practice throughout Europe.

The Institute hosts a range of national and regional facilities including: the Sports Performance & Coaching Centre, the Worcester Sports Partnership and the Association for Physical education (AfPE) and an Active Sports Manager. There is extensive collaboration with Specialist Sports Colleges, local clubs and national level sport such as Worcestershire County Cricket Club, Worcester Hockey Club, Worcester Warriors Rugby Club and Worcester Wolves Basketball Club through its sports scholarship programme.

Main duties

1. To participate (with others) in the delivery of a range of modules to suit the expertise of the candidate (candidates must specify their area of expertise) but, to include basketball coaching theory and practical.
2. To ensure teaching is suitably underpinned by research and is informed by knowledge of learning and teaching strategies and innovation.
3. To provide a high quality contribution to the development of undergraduate (and postgraduate) programmes (including preparation of course documentation) in the Institute of Sport & Exercise Science.
4. To supervise undergraduate and postgraduate independent studies.
5. To develop and maintain links with cognate disciplines within the Institute of Sport & Exercise Science and relevant professional associations, employers and placement providers.
6. To contribute to the work of the Institute by: supporting practical/activity teaching, participating in visit/open days, and undertaking administrative duties as directed by the Head of Institute.

General duties:

Maintain personal and professional development to meet the changing demands of the job, participate in appropriate training activities and encourage and support staff in their development and training.

Take steps to ensure and enhance your health, safety and well being and that of staff and students. Carry out your duties in a manner that promotes equality of opportunity and supports diversity and inclusion, and takes into account the University's commitment to environmentally sustainable ways of working.

Person Specification

Essential

1. Higher Degree in sport related subject
2. Coaching Qualifications
3. Experience of coaching or proven understanding of coaching process at a high level within the field of basketball
4. Relevant teaching experience & knowledge of pedagogy
5. Knowledge of appropriate research in the field of basketball
6. Excellent oral and written communication skills
7. Knowledge of Health & Safety Procedures
8. Willingness to contribute to the operation of the Institute

Desirable

1. Track record of high performance at Postgraduate level

Disclosure This employment is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. Candidates will be required to declare any criminal convictions, cautions or bind-overs, including any that would be regarded as spent under the Act in other circumstances. If you are selected for appointment you will be required to apply to the Criminal Records Bureau for an Enhanced Disclosure

At least 3 years full time experience of teaching within higher education, and an accredited teaching qualification for the higher education environment or registered practitioner status with the H E Academy. If these conditions are not fully met then attendance at the Postgraduate Certificate in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education will be advisable. This programme is delivered with University of Worcester