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**Appointment of a Lecturer in Medicines Use (1.0 full-time equivalent)**

**The Job**

The postholder will contribute to the medicines use teaching of both undergraduate and postgraduate students using a range of delivery methods. These will include lectures, small group teaching, physical assessment instruction and work-place based tuition. Involvement in student assessment, especially as it relates to clinical skills, will also be a key element of this post. The post holder will lead on the design and delivery of simulation workshops that develop the fundamental skills associated with prescribing for our undergraduate pharmacy students in order to meet the standards set out by the General Pharmaceutical Council.

Given the postholder will teach advanced clinical skills, we will make provision for the appointee to maintain their clinical competence within either the primary or secondary care sector.

The range of duties of a university lecturer is extensive and diverse. The following summary indicates the nature of this range. Almost all academic staff will be expected to contribute to both the teaching and the research activity of their subject area.

**Teaching and scholarship**

A Lecturer (AC2) is expected to possess, develop and utilise a range of teaching methods and ways of supporting student learning. These may include lectures, seminars, tutorials, forms of e-learning, workshops, laboratory classes and individual supervision.

The role requires the ability to: identify the learning needs of students and to define appropriate learning objectives; ensure that the teaching content, methods of delivery and learning materials are appropriate; develop own teaching materials, under guidance; select appropriate types of formative assessment; seek ways of improving teaching performance through self-reflection and the gathering and analysis of student feedback and teach as a member of a team within the framework of an established course. An understanding of equal opportunities issues and equality, diversity and inclusion with regard to academic content and teaching delivery is also expected.

**Research and scholarship**

A Lecturer is expected to: continually update their disciplinary and/or professional knowledge and understanding; develop personal (and, where appropriate, collaborative) research objectives; write up research work for publication; translate new subject knowledge into teaching content; and reflect on their own practice as a higher education teacher. Engagement in continuous professional development with regard to disciplinary/professional and pedagogic expertise is required.

**Communication**

A Lecturer should be able to: deal with routine communication using a range of media; communicate complex information orally, in writing and electronically and communicate material of a specialist or highly technical nature.

**Liaison and networking**

A Lecturer is expected to: liaise effectively with colleagues and students; build internal contacts and participate in internal information exchange networks and join external networks to share ideas.

**Managing people**

A Lecturer will be able to agree and largely self-manage teaching, research and administrative activities.

**Teamwork**

A Lecturer is expected to: collaborate with academic colleagues on course development, curriculum changes and the development of research; attend and contribute to subject group and similar meetings and collaborate with colleagues across the university to identify and respond to students’ needs.

**Pastoral Care**

A Lecturer will be expected to: act as a personal tutor; use listening, interpersonal and pastoral care skills to deal with sensitive issues concerning students, appreciate the needs of individual students and their circumstances and to refer students, as appropriate, to the specialist services which can provide further help.

**Initiative, problem-solving and decision making**

A Lecturer will be able to: develop and apply initiative, creativity, and judgement in the conduct of teaching and research; respond effectively to pedagogical and practical challenges, and contribute to decision making on, and share responsibility for, the academic content, delivery and assessment of modules.

**Planning and managing resources**

A Lecturer will be able to plan and manage their own teaching and the use of teaching and research resources, including laboratories and workshops, as agreed with relevant senior colleagues. An awareness of risks in the work environment and their potential impact will be expected.

**Person Specification**

Appointment to the Lecturer/AC2 grade will be dependent upon the role to be undertaken and the skills, knowledge and experience of the successful applicant.

It is expected that the criteria below regarding knowledge and qualifications will be met by the successful candidate.

**Essential Attributes**

* A good (1st or 2:1) MPharm degree (or non-UK equivalent)
* Registered with, or registerable with, the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) or the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland (PSNI)
* Postgraduate certificate in Higher Education or equivalent and/or Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy (HEA) or a willingness to obtain a PG cert and/or HEA Fellowship status within two years of appointment
* An excellent track record of delivery high quality clinical pharmacy services in a defined specialist area.
* Excellence in innovation of clinical care and education, as applied to your discipline
* Engagement with teaching and assessment, including work-based education and clinical examination
* Good track record of working effectively within a multidisciplinary team. This would include demonstrating leadership and a broad commitment to meeting a range of organisational and regulatory requirements
* Good IT skills and effective use of IT for teaching and learning

**Desirable Attributes**

* A higher degree, preferably in a clinical discipline
* Excellent experience of teaching physical assessment skills as they relate to medicines use
* Excellent track record of publications or other appropriate outputs (equal to relevant career stage) and the potential to establish / continue a credible research programme at Brighton.
* Excellent ability to contribute to translational research in the area of medicines use

General information relating to the typical roles of a lecturer are provided below.

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* The successful candidate may be required to teach across the range of courses delivered by the School of Applied Sciences at the Moulsecoomb campus in Brighton.

* The University run a number of internal funding schemes to help pump-prime research. The School encourages Continuing Professional Development to support learning and teaching. Staff can access training courses through the Learning and Teaching Hub and are encouraged to attend events such as the University’s annual Learning and Teaching Conference. Staff development is also supported by course leaders, research group leaders and through research mentorship. Teaching and research activities are supported by approximately 40 technical and administrative staff in the School.
* We would consider job share or part-time applications to support portfolio working, especially clinicians who wish to continue to provide a clinical commitment in their specialist area of practice.
* The appointment is generally made to the salary scale to reflect previous experience and salary.
* The annual leave entitlement is 35 working days, pro rata for proportional (part-time staff). This is in addition to the statutory holidays applicable in England, local discretionary holidays and days when the university is closed in the interests of efficiency.
* Hours –The full time equivalent of this post is 1.00. The nature of teaching posts is such that staff are expected to work such hours as are reasonably necessary in order to fulfil their duties and responsibilities. It would therefore be inappropriate to define the total hours to be worked in any week. A reasonable norm for full-time staff, however, having regard to the contractual position of other senior staff in the institution, would be thirty-seven, although this should not be regarded as a minimum or maximum. Direct teaching responsibility should not exceed eighteen hours in any week or a total of five hundred and fifty hours in the teaching year. This provision will not, however, apply in subject areas where the nature of the curriculum and teaching style make it inappropriate. In such cases, separate arrangements apply. The university has currently identified the following academic areas where teaching methods or modes of delivery make the 18 hour per week limit inappropriate at certain times of the year:
* art and design
* business/management
* health - clinically related subjects
* construction management

The 550 hour annual maximum will not, however, be exceeded except by mutually agreed overtime.

More information about the university and the school can be found by following the links below:

* [Academic departments](https://www.brighton.ac.uk/about-us/contact-us/academic-departments/index.aspx)
* [Research and Enterprise at the University](https://www.brighton.ac.uk/research/index.aspx)
* [Professional services departments](https://www.brighton.ac.uk/about-us/contact-us/professional-services-departments/index.aspx)
* University’s [2019-2025 Strategy](https://www.brighton.ac.uk/practical-wisdom/index.aspx)

The University has an attractive range of benefits and you can find more information in the [Working here](https://www.brighton.ac.uk/about-us/working-with-us/jobs/index.aspx) section of our website which includes information on [Equality, diversity and inclusion](https://www.brighton.ac.uk/about-us/working-with-us/jobs/equality-diversity-and-inclusion.aspx) and [Benefits and facilities](https://www.brighton.ac.uk/about-us/working-with-us/jobs/benefits-and-facilities.aspx).

**Job sharing**

The University of Brighton welcomes job sharers. Job sharing is a way of working where two people share one full-time job, dividing the work, responsibilities, pay, holidays and other benefits between them proportionate to the hours each works, thereby increasing access to a wide range of jobs on a part-time basis. The advert for the post for which you are applying will indicate whether applications from job sharers can be considered (this may not be possible for a post that is already part time for example) and further information can be found on the ‘Balancing Working Life’ section here [Benefits and facilities](https://www.brighton.ac.uk/about-us/working-with-us/jobs/benefits-and-facilities.aspx).

## Professional development/teaching

A part-time course is run within the University for staff new to the teaching role:

* The Postgraduate Certificate in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education (run by the Centre for Learning and Teaching, and designed for staff in all schools and faculties);

All new lecturers with little or no previous experience of teaching in Higher Education, who have not undertaken an equivalent course of study and training, are expected to take the course listed above in their first or second year in post. The course provides opportunities to explore a range of practical approaches to supporting students’ learning, and to reflect upon the process of developing as a teacher. By negotiation with the relevant Dean of School, teaching timetables are adjusted to enable the new lecturer to participate effectively in the course. The course is accredited by the Higher Education Academy, the national professional body for teachers in Higher Education, and successful completion normally leads to professional recognition as a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy.

The successful applicant will be provided with further information about these Postgraduate Certificate courses at the time of appointment.

In addition to these courses for staff new to the teaching role, the Centre for Learning and Teaching offers a wide range of courses, events and consultancy to experienced lecturers and to course teams and academic schools across the university. Further information is available here [Learning and Teaching Hub](https://www.brighton.ac.uk/about-us/your-university/educational-partnerships/index.aspx).

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