

## Senior Lecturer in Optometry & Ophthalmic Dispensing – School of Medicine & Dentistry – Grade I

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### Job Description

#### **Purpose**

To contribute to the areas of course delivery and management in optometry and ophthalmic dispensing within the School of Medicine and Dentistry. To undertake, income generation, research and knowledge transfer through relevant activities. To undertake specific academic leader responsibilities in related programmes, as appropriate.

#### **Duties**

1. Lecturing at all levels of the Vision Sciences Academic programmes in the School, including Masters and CPD Programmes.
2. To take part in the development and implementation of plans for a range of initiatives and developments within the School, in optometry and optometric related programmes
3. Make a major contribution to achieving the academic objectives of vision sciences within the School through scholarly activity, research outputs and knowledge transfer activities.
4. As a Senior Lecturer, undertake significant administrative, course development and academic leadership responsibilities. Act as module tutor for a number of identified modules. Administer course registers, assessment records, learning programmes and other records.
5. To support the design of the communications, plan for the initiatives, engaging all relevant stakeholders in project development, ensuring they are kept informed of progress and next steps, and to communicate the project imperatives and objectives internally and externally using high level influencing, persuading, and negotiating skills.
6. Engage with the recruitment of students onto courses and provide appropriate advice on progression and career opportunities.
7. Develop and consolidate contacts with relevant external organisations.
8. To identify, manage and monitor risks for the initiatives, escalating issues when necessary.
9. Adhere to quality assurance and enhancement systems to ensure high standards are maintained and the student experience is enhanced.
10. Attend local and national events on behalf of the University, in order to promote the University and its courses, and to enhance the institutional, departmental and divisional profile.
11. Carry out other duties as outlined by the Dean of School/Line manager.

### Person Specification

### **Knowledge, Skills, and Behaviours (Essential)**

- Experience of teaching and course leadership in a higher education environment with outstanding delivery and learning support (Application/Interview).
- Previous experience of managing complex projects with differing technical content to completion working alongside both academic and professional staff (Application/Interview).
- Experience of working with and to the requirements of professional accreditation bodies (Application/Interview).
- Undergraduate degree in Optometry or equivalent in relevant area (Application).
- A PhD or willingness to work towards in a related area of study (Application).
- Registered with the General Optical Council as an Optometrist for two years minimum (Application).
- Professional teaching qualifications or membership of the HE Academy (Application).
- Excellent negotiating (including contractual negotiations) and influencing skills (Application/Interview).
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills and the ability to engage, network and build productive relationships with a variety of stakeholders (Application/Interview).
- Ability to work on own initiative as well as part of a team and accept responsibility (Application/Interview).
- Flexible and innovative approach to teaching and learning with a view to engage and inspire learners (Application/Interview).
- An understanding of and demonstrable commitment to the University's Values of Achieving Together, Being Proud, Creating Opportunity and Supporting All, as a framework for decisions, actions, and behaviours (Application/Interview).

### **Knowledge, Skills, and Behaviours (Desirable)**

- Experience of influencing national agendas through collaborative working (Application/Interview).
- Previous experience of commissioning and managing external consultants (Application/Interview).
- Higher qualification in Optometry such as Independent Prescribing/Diploma in Glaucoma (Application/Interview).
- REF-able publications in a relevant subject (Application/Interview).
- Active member of relevant professional body as appropriate (Application).
- Experience of liaising with external organisations (Application/Interview).
- An ability to contribute to commercial activities and income generation and to contribute to the enhancement of the research culture within the School (Application/Interview).
- A willingness to engage in international activity on behalf of the University (Application/Interview).