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University of Sunderland

# Role Profile

## Part 1

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**University of  
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### Teaching Enhancement and Sustainability Manager

<b>Job Title:</b>	Teaching Enhancement and Sustainability Manager
<b>Reference No:</b>	
<b>Reports to:</b>	Head of Learning and Teaching Enhancement
<b>Responsible For:</b>	Academic Development and Learning & Teaching Enhancement
<b>Grade:</b>	F
<b>Working Hours:</b>	37 hours per week for nominal purposes
<b>Faculty/Service:</b>	Centre for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching (CELT)
<b>Location:</b>	St Peter's Campus, Sunderland
<b>Main Purpose of Role:</b>	<p>Lead the Academic Development Team, including activities related to recruitment, selection, performance management, coaching and development.</p> <p>Work in Partnership with the Head of Learning and Teaching Enhancement to implement institutional priorities to develop a quality learning and teaching student experience.</p> <p>To support the development of the University's Learning &amp; Teaching Academy (LTA) as a means of sustaining and enhancing teaching and pedagogical innovation / research across the University.</p> <p>To lead the development of learning enhancement through digital transformation</p> <p>To work collaboratively with colleagues across the academy to enhance learning, teaching and assessment.</p> <p>To work collaboratively with CELT colleagues to deliver pedagogical innovation, CPD and taught programmes designed to enhance the quality of teaching and learning across the University.</p> <p>To support professional recognition and reward, across a range of schemes, as a means of recognising teaching and promoting the development of pedagogical practice.</p>
<b>Key Responsibilities and Accountabilities:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contribute to CELT campaigns and work streams by leading pedagogical innovation.</li><li>• Facilitate the implementation of specific projects within the Student Success Plan including transformation projects across a range of areas to enhance learning, teaching and assessment.</li></ul>

- Line management of the academic development team who are responsible for upskilling academic colleagues to deliver quality learning, teaching and assessment across the University.
- Attend key University committees and groups related to role and responsibilities.
- Develop and facilitate communities of practice that support enhancement of learning and teaching including the learning and teaching academy; AdvanceHE CoP, Programme Leader CoP.
- Oversee activities related to AdvanceHE professional recognition.

### **Teaching and Academic Practice**

- Programme lead the delivery of Higher Education Teacher preparation and development programmes including the Post-Graduate Certificate and Masters in Higher Education..
- Extend, transform and apply knowledge acquired from scholarship and research to teaching and to reach-out activities.
- Engage in pedagogical research and / or enterprise activities related to Higher Education.
- Write or contribute to publications or disseminate research and reach-out findings using other appropriate media such as presentations at conferences or exhibition of work in other appropriate events.
- Maintain knowledge and understanding at the forefront of the academic discipline (Higher Education).
- Provide expert advice through pedagogical knowledge, understanding and know-how to students, researchers and other academic colleagues.
- Engage in external discipline-related responsibilities such as subject network activity, peer review, refereeing.
- Comply with the University's expectation of an individual member of academic staff in relation to their own self-monitoring, continuing professional development.

**Special  
Circumstances:**



#### Part 2A: Essential and Desirable Criteria

These criteria are assessed at the short listing stage.

The essential criteria must be met in order to be eligible for interview.

##### ***Essential***

###### **Qualifications and Professional Memberships:**

- Postgraduate Qualification
- Higher Education Teaching Qualification – Post-Graduate Certificate or equivalent.
- Fellowship of the AdvanceHE at Senior Fellow level.

###### **Experience:**

- Extensive experience of teaching in higher education.
- Experience of programme leadership including module and programme management and support of students.
- Experience of leading programmes that develop teaching and learning.
- Experience of leading or managing pedagogical innovation and development projects.
- Experience of undertaking pedagogical research.
- Significant leadership and management experience ideally in Higher Education.
- Experience of managing transformation projects
- Experience of coaching/mentoring

###### **Key Knowledge and Expertise:**

- Extensive knowledge of teaching, learning and assessment within higher education
- Experience of developing teaching practice across a Higher Education Institution.
- Knowledge of contemporary approaches to learning, teaching and assessment
- Expertise in managing pedagogical innovation within teams.
- Able to inspire others and drive the development of learning and teaching

##### ***Desirable***

###### **Qualifications and Professional Memberships:**

- PhD / Doctorate.
- Higher Education teaching qualification at Masters level.
- Principal Fellowship of AdvanceHE.

	<p><b>Experience:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A track record of delivering teaching transformation programmes across disciplines.</li> <li>• Experience of developing Learning and Teaching at a national and / or international level.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Knowledge and Expertise:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of a range of pedagogical approaches such as problem based learning, technology enabled learning</li> </ul>
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<b>Special Circumstances:</b>	None
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## Part 2B: Key Competencies

<b>Competencies are assessed at the interview/selection testing stage</b>	<p><b>Key Knowledge and Expertise (generic):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possess sufficient breadth or depth of specialist teaching, learning and assessment knowledge to develop teaching, reach-out and research programmes.</li> <li>• Able to make informed judgments on complex issues often in the absence of complete data.</li> <li>• Able to work independently, motivated and able to manage own time to meet the competing demands associated with a complex multi-faceted role.</li> <li>• Skills in managing and motivating staff.</li> </ul> <p><b>Analysis and Research:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gathers data rigorously and conducts robust analysis, questioning assumptions and existing knowledge.</li> <li>• Develops hypotheses and concepts to explain data, events and phenomena.</li> <li>• Can plan and deliver pedagogical research projects using a variety of methods.</li> <li>• Reports findings to wider community and is able to withstand challenge by relying on evidence gathered and processes used for analysis.</li> </ul> <p><b>Communication:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Routinely communicate complex and conceptual ideas to peers and managers using developed communication skills and a range of media.</li> </ul> <p><b>Oral</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summarises and interprets complex, conceptual and special matters to aid others' understanding and aimed at their needs.</li> <li>• Uses appropriate styles and arguments to influence and negotiate satisfactory outcomes.</li> <li>• Monitors understanding of others, develops approach and takes corrective action if required.</li> </ul> <p><b>Written</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conveys information of a complex, conceptual and specialist nature using a range of styles and media selected to meet the needs of others.</li> <li>• Presents complex information in formats appropriate to non-specialists without comprising meaning.</li> <li>• Monitors the reactions of others and takes appropriate steps to remedy any miscommunications.</li> </ul>
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## **Decision Making:**

### **Independent decisions**

- Considers wider impact of decisions, assesses possible outcomes and their likelihood.
- Uses judgment to make decisions with limited or ambiguous data and takes account of multiple factors.
- Distinguishes between the need to make a decision, when to defer and when not to take a decision.

### **Collaborative decisions**

- Helps others to explore options that initially appear to be inappropriate or unfeasible and recognise when a decision is or is not needed.
- Enables others to contribute to decisions.
- Ensures that options are weighed, outcomes identified and chances of success considered.
- Challenges decisions, appropriately to ensure consideration and processes are robust.

### **Provision of advice**

- Anticipates and highlights issues that need to be taken into account.
- Outlines possible impacting factors, assessing their degree of influence on the choice of options.
- Ensures previous learning is included.

## **Liaison and Networking Liaison**

- Ensures that accurate information is passed on to the most appropriate people in a timely fashion to improve working practices.
- Co-ordinates own effort with that of others so the work is completed effectively in line with team objectives.
- Promotes a positive image of the Institution.

### **Participation in networks**

- Works across team boundaries to build and strengthen working relationships.
- Shares information and ideas to help others develop their practice.
- Is involved in networks to pursue a shared interest as a requirement of the role.

### **Building internal networks**

- Leads and builds role related external networks to enhance the work of the Institution.
- Actively seeks to build productive relationships between external bodies to benefit the Institution.

## **Pastoral Care and Welfare:**

- Deals with difficult situations or confidential matters, according to policy and procedures.
- Involves others or refers elsewhere for assistance if the situation becomes more complex and if additional help or information is required.

## **Initiative, Problem Solving and Decision Making**

- Identifies how to reach difficult to reach groups of staff and how to ensure parity of esteem between staff on different campuses with regard to developing learning and teaching.
- Develops ideas for generating income.
- Develops ideas and find ways of disseminating and applying the result of research and reach-out.

### **Planning and Organising Resources**

- Actively seeks information to support planning and prioritisation of work.
- Ensures that time and resources are used effectively to their maximum efficiency.
- Checks and reports on progress and achievement against plans to key parties.
- Develops plans to take account of problems, delays and new priorities.
- Co-ordinates the work of others to improve performance and use of resources.
- Involves other areas appropriately and co-ordinates effort and resources so performance standards and shared objectives are achieved.
- Reviews performance and uses experience to make improvements to planning and organisation.

### **Service Delivery:**

- Adapts services and systems to meet customers' needs and identifies ways of improving standards.
- Learns from complaints and takes action to resolve them.
- Collates feedback and views from customers and keeps up-to-date with market trends to inform service development and make changes.
- Actively promotes services.

### **Teaching and Learning Support:**

- Drives teaching enhancement through organisational wide change, reflection of practice and peer review.
- Encourages in others a commitment to learn.
- Leads on the development of learning programmes.
- Continuously reviews areas identified for improvement and develops content and delivery methods, learning support and assessment mechanisms.
- Reflects on own and others practice and develops insights into the learning process.

**Date Completed:**

June 2022