

Job Title:	Sessional Tutor
Department:	Academic
Reports to:	Course Leader
Location:	<b>ONCAMPUS</b> Coventry

## The Company

**ONCAMPUS** provides high quality pathway programmes to prepare international students for undergraduate and postgraduate study at the world’s leading universities. Our pathways offer guaranteed progression to over 500 degrees at our partner universities, and since 2008, **ONCAMPUS** has helped more than 4,000 students progress to the best universities in the UK, USA and Europe.

**ONCAMPUS** is part of Cambridge Education Group, which has been delivering the highest quality academic, creative and English language programmes since 1952, and has prepared thousands of students to progress onto the world’s leading universities.

The Group operates under four different brands: **ONCAMPUS**; CATS College – high schools in Cambridge, Canterbury and London, and Boston, USA; Cambridge School of Visual & Performing Arts (CSVPA) – Art & Design, Drama and Music courses in Cambridge and Stafford House – year-round English Language schools in Brighton, Canterbury, London and USA, and Study Holiday centres across the UK and the USA for juniors.

Whatever students aspire to, whichever college, school or centre they choose, Cambridge Education Group promises excellent teaching, premium facilities and the personal service our students demand.

Cambridge Education Group aims to be the undisputed customer service leader in the international education sector and to be recognised as such by its agents, partners and their clients, by the universities it works with and by its competitors. The objective is simple: to deliver exceptionally high standards of service in every single customer interaction and to ensure that our ‘CARE’ principles are clearly understood and are effectively applied across the whole organisation in all teams and at all levels of responsibility.

CEG is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The Company also expects all staff and volunteers to share the Company’s commitment to Equal Opportunities within the workplace.

## Job Overview

The successful applicant will contribute to the teaching and learning of students within **ONCAMPUS** with the ultimate goal of securing success for all students to progress onto their chosen degree course at the partner university. The following outline of roles and responsibilities may be adjusted according to the needs of the centre. The post is dependent on student recruitment and the hours of teaching can range between 5 – 20 hours per week dependent on timetabling and tutor flexibility.

## Job Description

The following section outlines a more detailed, but not exhaustive, description of the duties pertinent to this post.

## Key Responsibilities

### Professional values and practice

All **ONCAMPUS** tutors are required to have high expectations of all students; respect their social, cultural, linguistic, religious and ethnic backgrounds; and be committed to raising their educational achievement. Tutors are expected to:

- treat students consistently, with respect and consideration, and be concerned for their development as learners;
- demonstrate and promote the positive values, attitudes and behaviour that they expect from their students;
- communicate sensitively and effectively with parents, carers, agents and other interested parties; recognising their role in students' learning, and their rights, responsibilities and interests;
- contribute to, and share responsibility in the corporate life of **ONCAMPUS**;
- understand the contribution that support staff and other professionals make to teaching and learning;
- improve their own teaching, by evaluating it, learning from the effective practice of others and from evidence;
- be motivated and able to take increasing responsibility for their own professional development;
- be aware of, and work within, the statutory frameworks relating to tutors' responsibilities;
- be familiar with and adhere to **ONCAMPUS'** policy documents;
- dress in a professional manner to reflect an awareness of their roles as tutors working with young adults in a mixed gender and multi-faith **ONCAMPUS**;
- set excellent standards of punctuality, speech and manner.

Attendance at pre-arranged staff meetings is compulsory for all tutors.

## Knowledge and understanding

Tutors are required to have a secure knowledge and understanding of their specialist subject which should be at a standard equivalent to at least degree level. Tutors should:

- be aware of expectations, typical curricula and teaching arrangements;
- understand how student learning can be affected by their physical, intellectual, linguistic, social, cultural and emotional development and have a range of strategies to provide and offer support as necessary;
- know how to use ICT effectively, both to teach their subject and to support their wider professional role;
- know a range of strategies to promote good behaviour and establish a purposeful learning environment;
- be committed to continually refreshing their knowledge and understanding of the specifications, examination and coursework procedures for their subject;
- ensure that after any in-service training, whether through the **ONCAMPUS** or through attendance at external events, they incorporate the knowledge gained into their teaching.

## Teaching: planning

Tutors are required to set challenging teaching and learning objectives that are relevant to all students in their classes, based on their knowledge of students past and current achievements, expected standards for their age range and academic level and targets set out in students' individual learning objectives.

Tutors are expected to:

- use these teaching and learning objectives to plan lessons, and sequences of lessons, showing how they will assess students' learning;
- select and prepare resources, and plan for their safe and effective organisation, taking account of students' interests and their language and cultural backgrounds;
- take part in, and contribute to, teaching teams, as appropriate to **ONCAMPUS**;
- plan opportunities for students to learn in out-of-**ONCAMPUS** contexts, such as visits, museums, theatres and field-work with the help of other staff where appropriate.

All tutors are responsible for the complete, sufficiently detailed and timely delivery of the subject syllabus. A scheme of work is essential for this activity and may be completed in cooperation with other **ONCAMPUS** centres.

All tutors are responsible for the complete and timely delivery of all subject coursework, and will contribute towards a complete set of course notes for each student. These course notes will be syllabus specific and sufficiently detailed so as to provide a valuable source of reference for the student throughout the course. The inclusion of worked examples and essay plans is recommended, although in some subjects it is recognised that this may not be appropriate.

Through close liaison with the Centre Head, tutors should ensure that their course is adequately resourced.

### *Late enrolments*

It is anticipated that a number of students will enrol after the beginning of the academic term and official course start date. Collectively we must ensure that these individuals are made welcome at **ONCAMPUS** and that their integration into **ONCAMPUS** life is problem free. Subject tutors may be required to devise a scheme of work to ensure that the student catches up on the material already missed. Tutors will ensure that the student receives a complete set of notes on those topics already covered. Any tests, which the other students in the group may have already taken, should be taken by late enrolments over an appropriate period of time.

When parents or guardians wish to contact a tutor, regarding the progress of student, the tutor should make suitable arrangements to do so. In addition, if a tutor wishes to discuss with the parents or guardians any aspect of a student's progress, then they should do so but in liaison with the Centre Head.

## Teaching: Monitoring and assessment

### *Attendance*

High levels of attendance are essential for students to fully engage in their learning and achieve their academic targets and in order to comply with UK Border Agency regulation. All tutors will be required to record the attendance of each student at the beginning of each class. Tutors should remind students of the need to forewarn the **ONCAMPUS** of any intended absences in good time and the adherence to the **ONCAMPUS** policy regarding absences as identified in the student and staff handbooks.

Where a student has failed to report for class and has not forewarned the **ONCAMPUS**, the subject tutor will inform the administrator who will ensure that the student's parents or guardians are contacted to ascertain if the absence is for a good reason.

### *Assessment*

Tutors are required to make appropriate use of a range of monitoring and assessment strategies to evaluate students' progress towards planned learning objectives, and use this information to improve their own planning and teaching. Tutors will need to monitor and assess as they teach, giving immediate and constructive feedback to support students as they learn. They involve students in reflecting on, evaluating and improving their own performance.

The regular testing programme at **ONCAMPUS** has a high priority in the organisation of a sound, comprehensive work programme for the students. Tutors should assist students as much as possible, both in making special preparations for tests and in analysing the results, providing constructive feedback and, where necessary, preparing appropriate follow-up work. Further information regarding the testing schedule can be found in the relevant section of "Academic Monitoring Procedures" in the staff handbook.

Tutors will be able to:

- assess students' progress accurately using, as relevant, assessment objectives, band descriptors and grade descriptors from Awarding Bodies and National Frameworks;
- identify and support more able students, those who are working below expectations, those who are failing to achieve their potential in learning, and those who experience behavioural, emotional and social difficulties;
- with the help of the EFL department, identify the levels of attainment of students learning English as an additional language. They begin to analyse the language demands and learning activities in order to provide cognitive challenge as well as language support;
- record students' progress and achievements systematically to provide evidence of the range of their work, progress and attainment over time. They use this to help students review their own progress and to inform planning in line with the Personal Progress Plans;
- use records as a basis for reporting on students' attainment and progress orally and in writing, concisely, informatively and accurately for Centre Management, parents and students.

We expect a great deal from our students in the way of social and academic development. To this end, if any aspect of a student's position gives cause for concern and after employing a variety of strategies to improve the student's position, then tutors should report in the first instance (dependent upon strength of concerns) their concerns to the Centre Head.

### **Teaching: Class Management**

**ONCAMPUS** tutors have high expectations of students and are able to build successful relationships, centred on teaching and learning. They establish a purposeful learning environment where diversity is valued and where students feel secure and confident. A programme of classroom observation (peer is in place to help monitor and support them in their day-to-day teaching and to establish opportunities for professional development).

Tutors will be expected to teach their specialist subject(s) competently and independently using the relevant specification and **ONCAMPUS'** Schemes of Work, and to teach clearly structured lessons or sequences of work which interest and motivate students. Such lessons should:

- make learning objectives and the relevance to examination criteria clear to students
- employ interactive teaching methods and collaborative group work
- promote active and independent learning that enables students to think for themselves, and to plan and manage their own learning.

Tutors are required to organise and manage teaching and learning time, the physical teaching space, tools, materials, texts and other resources safely and effectively. The use of ICT is encouraged and tutors should have experience of using ICT effectively in their teaching.

All classes should set expectations for students' behaviour and establish a clear framework for classroom discipline to anticipate and manage behaviour constructively, and promote self-control and independence. Tutors should be able to recognise and respond effectively to equal opportunities issues as they arise in the classroom, including by challenging stereotyped views, and by challenging bullying or harassment, following relevant policies and procedures.

Antisocial behaviour, which is to the detriment of the progress of other students or to the good name of the **ONCAMPUS**, will not be tolerated. In the first instance, the subject tutor should deal with problems within the classroom, which can be resolved immediately, in a professional manner. Above all else, the problem must be eradicated and the tutor should make every effort to ensure that neither their working relationship with the student nor group cohesion suffers. If a problem cannot be resolved by the subject tutor then he/she must refer the matter to the Centre Head for support.

Homework and other out-of-class work should be set in accordance with **ONCAMPUS** policy, to consolidate and extend work carried out in the class and encourage students to learn independently. Homework should be constructive, have well-defined objectives and should be marked with summarised and formative comments. Homework should be returned by the next lesson to the student.

### Personal Specification

1. Educated to degree (minimum Class 2.2) or equivalent qualification (Essential).
2. Academic or English Language Teaching qualification at graduate or equivalent level (Desirable).
3. Relevant teaching experience (Essential).
4. An understanding of UK higher education and the needs and requirements of international students (Essential).
5. Direct experience of further and higher education in an international context (Desirable).
6. An understanding and appreciation of private sector education (Desirable).

### Skills (Essential)

1. Demonstrate cross-cultural awareness and understanding.
2. A record of achievement in teaching (academic or English language).
3. Excellent interpersonal, communication and presentation skills including native speaker fluency in English.
4. Competence in the effective use of Information Communications Technologies (ICT), particularly Microsoft Excel.
5. A record of attention to detail, thoroughness and fairness.
6. The ability to prioritise, meet deadlines and work under pressure.

### Style

1. Outward looking and student sympathetic.
2. A willingness to learn, improve personal teaching effectiveness where appropriate and an ability to adapt.
3. Practical with high integrity, honesty and ethical standards.
4. Enthusiastic and committed with a positive attitude.

**Customer First – It is ESSENTIAL all candidates meet the CEG Customer First CARE Principles:-**

**Commit**

- Goes the extra mile
- Follows-up & follows through

**Act**

- Takes ownership
- Looks for a solution

**Respond**

- Addresses issues positively
- Communicates proactively

**Empathise**

- Is an active listener
- Is respectful and values our customers