

Principles for the role of assistant professor supervisor at the Department of Biomedicine

An assistant professor supervisor has a special role in supporting the assistant professor's competency development within the field of teaching. It is a collegial obligation to assist the assistant professor to get off to a good start in teaching and exams and to assist with both formal and informal knowledge within the field of teaching. To maintain the academic standard of the teaching and for course stability at the Department of Biomedicine, a sound course introduction and attention to the new lecturer are important elements in building the competencies of the new lecturer.

Appointment and duration:

The assistant professor supervisor is appointed when the assistant professor is appointed or as soon as possible thereafter. The appointment is in collaboration between the department management (deputy head of department for education) and the team leader of the team to which the assistant professor has his or her main duty. At the same time, the framework for the assistant professor's participation in the University Pedagogical Programme - Health and other pre-educational initiatives, if any, will be planned. The role of supervisor lasts for the entire duration of the assistant professorship. In this connection, attention will be paid to possible conflicts of interest, e.g. in relation to close research partners/research group leaders.

Tasks:

- Facilitate the assistant professor's affiliation to the collegial teaching community in cooperation with the team leader and course leader.
- Through feedback, support the teaching progression of the assistant professor during his/her employment.
- Responsible for the pedagogical/didactic sparring in connection with the assistant professor's participation in the University Pedagogical Programme – Health.
- On at least one occasion attend and give feedback and sparring on the assistant professor's teaching.
- Let the assistant professor follow the supervisor's practice or that of his or her colleagues.
- Responsible for preparing a written assessment of the assistant professor's teaching qualifications no later than three months prior to his/her termination of employment.

Qualifications for being an assistant professor supervisor:

The role as supervisor for an assistant professor requires solid academic knowledge of the subject area and its exams as well as understanding of the study programme as a whole. As a point of departure, all associate professors and professors at the Department of Biomedicine are qualified to perform the task of being supervisor for an assistant professor. Support tools for the role of supervisor for an assistant professor can be found on the CED website.



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