



POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF ENGLISH (PGIE)
THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN BILINGUAL EDUCATION PROGRAM – 2024/25

The Postgraduate Institute of English invites applications for the above one-year postgraduate program from those who are involved in teaching content subjects through the English language (Bilingual Education (BE) / English Medium Instruction (EMI). This is the only Bilingual Education postgraduate qualification available in Sri Lanka and has been tailor-made to suit the requirements of Bilingual Education in the Sri Lankan context. **The Ministry of Education will sponsor the total course fee for 50 applicants serving in the public school system.**

Target Groups:

- Bilingual education teachers in government schools, pirivenas, and semi-government schools
- Teacher Educators, In-Service Advisors
- Principals of Schools
- Educational Administrators
- Lecturers in Higher Education Institutes

Eligibility for Admission:

A person seeking admission to the program leading to the award of the Postgraduate Diploma in Bilingual Education should have

- A Bachelor's degree at SLQF Level 5 or above from a recognized university **OR**
- A professional qualification equivalent to NVQ Level 07 obtained from an institute recognized by the University Grants Commission or the Ministry of Higher Education **OR**
- An equivalent or higher qualification acceptable to the Senate of the Open University of Sri Lanka

AND

- **Should currently be a BE teacher (or have access to a BE classroom set-up)**

AND

- **Pass the selection process**

COURSE FEE: Rs. 140,000.00

****Important:** A limited number of candidates will be selected based on marks obtained. *This year, the Ministry of Education sponsor the total course fee for 50 applicants from the public school system who fulfil the qualifications required by the Ministry of Education and the Postgraduate Institute of English.*

CLOSING DATE: The final date for accepting applications is **15th July 2024**

SELECTION PROCEDURES:

Applications are issued through the Bilingual Education and Trilingual Programs Branch of the Ministry of Education. **Applications can also be downloaded at <https://ou.ac.lk/pgdbe>.** Duly completed applications should be submitted along with certified copies of educational/professional qualifications, and service records in present and past employment (indicated in part 5 of the application) should be forwarded.

Please note:

Candidates from the public education system who wish to be considered for a government scholarship to follow this course must forward these documents ***through the Zonal Director of Education to reach the Director of Education (Bilingual Education), Bilingual Education and Trilingual Programs Branch, Ministry of Education, Isurupaya, Pelawatta, Battaramulla.*** Applications must be received through the proper channels **by the Bilingual Branch, MOE no later than the published closing date.** Applications received after the closing date will not be considered.

Candidates from semi-government schools, private schools, international schools, and universities should send their applications directly to PGIE with the recommendation of the Principal/Head of the Dept. Candidates from government schools who do not wish to apply for a government scholarship to follow this course should also send their application directly to the PGIE. The same deadline will apply.

Payment (Selection Test)

Candidates must pay Rs. 2500.00 at Peoples' Bank and attach a copy of the bank receipt to their application. Candidates must keep the original receipt.

Account No: **174-100-246-838310**

Name of Account Holder: Postgraduate Institute of English

Bank Branch: Nugegoda

Branch code: **174**

The Selection Test/Interview

This course is conducted in English. Applicants should sit a written selection test and, if required, an online interview conducted in English. The written test will be notified in advance.

This written examination will test the candidate's ability to work in English in an academic context. The selection test is also designed as a diagnostic test to identify candidates' English language competency. If you are eligible to sit the selection test conducted by the PGIE at the Open University of Sri Lanka, you will receive a letter from the Ministry of Education and an email from the PGIE. You **MUST** bring that letter from the **MOE AND/OR a printed hard copy of the email from the PGIE to the examination hall.**

PROGRAM DETAILS

Venue: Postgraduate Institute of English (PGIE)
The Open University of Sri Lanka, Nawala, Nugegoda

Teaching and Learning: PGIE follows an open and distance learning (ODL) model and the candidates are expected to engage in self-regulatory independent learning in addition to lectures and workshops. The lectures/workshops will be bimodal: on-campus and online. The candidates are required to participate in on-campus activities at least one weekend per month. Candidates may apply for one day of duty leave to participate in on-campus weekend lectures through the BE branch of the MOE.

Aims of the program: This is a 30-credit one-year postgraduate program (Sri Lanka Qualification Framework [SLQF] level 8). The participants who successfully complete the PGDip in Bilingual Education will be able to

- a. Apply theoretical knowledge, pedagogical principles and practices entailed in teaching and learning in the BE/English medium classroom
- b. Identify and support the learning needs of students who are learning through a second language and facilitate comprehensive learning of content.
- c. Demonstrate a clear understanding of policies, concepts and practices in Bilingual Education across the world, and Content Integrated (English) Language Instruction (**HARD CLIL**)
- d. Evaluate the affordances and challenges in varied contexts and deal with complex issues that arise in bilingual education in Sri Lanka.
- e. Critically reflect and analyze concepts and theories of learning through a second language (English) and apply different theories, approaches, methodologies and techniques in bilingual classroom practices
- f. Evaluate, adapt and/or adopt or create materials to suit the cognitive, cultural and linguistic needs of Sri Lankan learners.
- g. Conduct successful tests to assess and/or evaluate students' learning and one's own teaching
- h. Evaluate successful classroom practices both one's own and colleagues' in the field, and demonstrate self-direction and be able to supervise and mentor others in the field.

Course Outline:

Course code	Course Title	Credits
PGP8307	Philosophical and Sociological Bases of Education	03
PGP8502	Theories, Concepts, Models and Issues of Bilingual Education	05
PGP8308	Language Arts	03
PGP8607	Methodology, Material Design and Classroom Management in Bilingual Education	06
PGP8309	Educational Psychology	03
PGP8310	Assessment and Evaluation	03
PGP8311	Teaching Practicum	03
PGP8402	Continuing Teacher Professional Development, Mentoring & Supervision (Project/Portfolio)	04
	Total Credits	30

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