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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, HIGHER EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION



POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN BILINGUAL EDUCATION PROGRAM – 2025/26

POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF ENGLISH

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

The Postgraduate Institute of English (PGIE) 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-related 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 Group:

- Bilingual Education teachers in government schools and pirivenas

Eligibility for Admission:

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

- a Bachelor's degree from a recognised university at SLQF Level 5 or above OR
- a professional qualification equivalent to NVQ Level 07, OR
- successful completion of a Postgraduate Certificate from the Postgraduate Institute of English (PGIE), of The Open University of Sri Lanka OR
- a teacher training certificate from a recognized institution and 08 years of teaching experience OR
- an equivalent or higher qualification acceptable to the Senate.

AND

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

AND

- Pass the selection test/ interview

COURSE FEE: Rs. 150,000.00

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

CLOSING DATE: The final date for accepting applications is **07.11.2025**

SELECTION PROCEDURE:

Applications can be downloaded at <https://pgie.ou.ac.lk/postgraduate-diploma-in-bilingual-education>

Duly completed applications should be submitted along with **certified copies of educational/professional qualifications, the present timetable** (or any other proof to show your involvement in BE/EMI) and **service records in present and past employment** (indicated in part 5 of the application) to the following address:

Deputy Registrar
Postgraduate Institute of English
The Open University of Sri Lanka
Nawala

**Please write the "Application for BE program" on the top left-hand corner of the envelope.*

Please note:

Candidates 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 Deputy Registrar, Postgraduate Institute of English, The Open University of Sri Lanka, Nawala **no later than the published closing date.**

Applications received after the closing date will not be considered.

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 is scheduled to be held during November 2025 at the Open University of Sri Lanka, Nawala premises. This will be the only venue for the selection test.

This written examination will test your ability to work in English in an academic context.

***If you are eligible to sit the selection test you will receive a letter from the Ministry of Education and an email from the PGIE which will contain your admission card, date of examination, and the examination hall in the Open University of Sri Lanka, Nawala premises. You MUST bring,**

1. The letter from the Ministry,
2. A hard copy of the admission card attested by an authorized person and
3. The original receipt of the Selection Test Fee of Rs. 2,500.00 when you come to the examination hall.

The Selection Test Fee

Selected candidates* must pay a non-refundable fee of Rs. 2500.00 to any Peoples' Bank branch and bring the original receipt for the selection test. Details of the account to which payment must be made are below.

Account No: **174-100-246-838310 Peoples' Bank** (Bank Branch: Nugegoda Branch code: **174**)
Name of Account Holder: Postgraduate Institute of English

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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