



**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, HIGHER EDUCATION AND
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION**

POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF ENGLISH

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

**POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN BILINGUAL
EDUCATION – 2026/27**

As part of the **Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education's** visionary agenda to revolutionize language pedagogy and elevate public schooling standards, this flagship programme, jointly spearheaded by the Ministry's **Bilingual Education Branch** and the **Postgraduate Institute of English of the Open University of Sri Lanka**, empowers professionals who are engaged in implementing the Bilingual Education Programme across the island.

The Postgraduate Institute of English (PGIE) conducts the only Bilingual Education-related postgraduate qualification available in Sri Lanka. This programme has been tailor-made to suit the requirements of Bilingual Education in the Sri Lankan context.

The PGIE invites applications for the above one-year postgraduate program from those who are involved in Bilingual Education, which is teaching non-language subjects through the English Medium.

The Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education will sponsor the total course fee for 45 selected applicants serving in the Bilingual Education Programme.

Target Group:

- Bilingual Education teachers in government schools / ISAs /Zonal or Provincial Coordinators who are directly involved in the Bilingual Education Programme in schools.

Eligibility for Admission:

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

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

- Should currently be a BE teacher/ ISA/ Zonal or Provincial BE Coordinator with direct access to the Bilingual Education programme at present.
 - Should possess a minimum of 2 years of service by the closing date.
- AND**
- Pass the selection test/ interview

COURSE FEE: Rs. 165,000.00

****Important:**

The Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education will sponsor the total course fee for 45 applicants who fulfill the qualifications required by the Postgraduate Institute of English and the Ministry of Education.

The above 45 candidates will be selected based on marks obtained from the Selection Test conducted by the Postgraduate Institute of English and an interview conducted by the Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education.

CLOSING DATE: The final date for accepting applications is **22.11.2026**

SELECTION PROCEDURE:

Applications can also 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** (which shows clearly subjects taught 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
P.O. Box 21, Nawala, Nugegoda., Sri Lanka**

Please note:

Candidates who wish to be considered for a government scholarship to follow this course must forward these documents **through the Zonal /Provincial Director of Education to reach the PGIE no later than the published closing date.** Applications received after the closing date will not be considered.

Applicants for the scholarships should confirm whether they are already bonded by the Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education for any other programme/short course or have obtained a similar facility previously.

Applicants who are selected for the programme are expected to complete a 100-hour Teaching Practicum. Selected candidates should be prepared for this commitment.

Further, applicants should note that the teaching and assessment schedules of the PGIE cannot be changed to accommodate their personal or professional plans.

Selection Test Fee

Candidates must pay Rs. 2500.00 (**non-refundable**) to any Peoples' Bank branch and attach a copy of the bank receipt to their application. Candidates must keep the original receipt. Details of the account to which payment must be made are below.

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 conducted by the Postgraduate Institute of English, Open University of Sri Lanka and should face an interview conducted by the Ministry of Education. **The written test is scheduled to be held on 28th November 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at The Open University of Sri Lanka, Nawala, Nugegoda**

****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. The selection test is also designed as a diagnostic test to identify your English language competency. You will receive an email from the PGIE which will contain your admission card. You **MUST** bring a **hard copy of the admission card** attested by an authorized person when you come **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.

At least 60% of the learning-teaching and assessment will take place through in-person (physical) sessions held at the PGIE premises in Nawala, Nugegoda. Participation in these in-person sessions is mandatory. A certificate of attendance can be given to those who need evidence of attending the in-person (physical) sessions.

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 Bilingual Education Programme.
- b. Identify and support the learning needs of students who learn 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**).
- c. Evaluate the affordances and challenges in varied contexts and deal with complex issues that arise in Bilingual Education in Sri Lanka.
- d. 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
- e. Evaluate, adapt and/or adopt or create materials to suit the cognitive, cultural and linguistic needs of Sri Lankan learners.
- f. Conduct successful tests to assess and/or evaluate students' learning and one's own teaching
- g. 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

Deputy Registrar

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