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Dear Colleague,

Please find enclosed information on the University of Birmingham/NASSEA Bilingualism in Education programme. This well-established and successful programme, devised by the University of Birmingham and adapted by NASSEA, has been running successfully for eighteen academic years and is open to teachers, and to other education staff with a bachelor's degree, for the next academic year, 2020–21. The programme is aimed at specialist teachers of English as an Additional Language (EAL) and will also be relevant to other staff working with children and young people learning EAL.

NASSEA and the University of Birmingham formed one of the consortia to which the DfES awarded funding for 2004-5 and 2005-6 for a national pilot programme of professional development for specialist teachers of EAL. The DfES pilot aimed to *'enhance the role of the specialist so that they can use their expertise to develop more effective partnerships with classroom teachers, to provide expert advice and lead whole school training.'*

NASSEA also made successful applications to the Teacher Development Agency (TDA) for funding for 2005-2008 and 2008-11 to help support this accredited post-graduate EAL programme. For 2011-21 the programme is being supported by NASSEA to enable students to access the programme at a more affordable price.

### **Key information:**

- The programme includes:
  - Postgraduate Certificate in Bilingualism in Education (1 year)
  - Postgraduate Diploma in Bilingualism in Education (2 years)
  - M.Ed. in Bilingualism in Education (3 years)
  - Ph.D. (information on request)
- The credits awarded at Certificate and Diploma level can then be taken forward to work towards a Postgraduate Diploma or Master's degree.
- The next available course will start in September 2020.
- The PgCert, PgDip and Masters will be delivered through established distance learning modules and these will be supported by 6 Saturday tutorials (PgCert and PgDip) or individual tutorials (year 3) and by a course launch and course conference.
- Skype tutorials are available for international students.
- There is a reduced fee for NASSEA route students of **£2500** (Home/EU students) or **£5790** (overseas fee students) **for one year's study** for the PgCert, PgDip or MEd for the academic year 2020-21.
- Fees for Ph.D. available on request.



If you would like to apply for the course outlined in this letter, please apply online at (*please do read the important sponsor information given below first*) <https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/distance/edu/bilingualism-education.aspx>

You have various options for enrolment. **Please choose the NASSEA route** of the award you want to register for (Postgraduate Certificate/ Postgraduate Diploma/M.Ed). When it asks about sponsorship, please put **NASSEA** as your only sponsor, paying 100% of your fees. The NASSEA contact is:

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If you are a UK student intending to apply for a Master's student loan, please check the loan regulations before selecting your study route. Students who do not apply for the full M.Ed will not be eligible for a loan under the current regulations.

A national accredited qualification in EAL is an important development in our field. NASSEA and the University of Birmingham aim to support and further develop this programme, which gives teachers in our field the opportunity to increase their expertise and gain a fully accredited specialist post-graduate qualification.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

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NASSEA Bilingualism in Education Coordinator