Advanced Professional Studies in PluriLingual Education
PG Certificate/Diploma/MEd

Award Bearing Programme

This programme is designed for teachers, lecturers & other professionals working in educational settings where the medium of instruction is not that of the first language of the learner. It addresses diverse learning contexts such as migrating workers, linguistic shifts and an increasing need to use several languages in the global economy and how these impact on curricula across the world. Formal settings for plurilingual learning include schools at all levels, colleges and universities which offer, for example, bilingual education, CLIL (content and language integrated learning), EAL (English as Additional Language) and foreign languages.

APS in PluriLingual Education aims to promote:

• A deeper understanding of plurilingual education in different contexts
• A theoretical and practical basis for effective teaching practice
• Enhanced and extended transformative professionalism
• Collaborative professional action for change and development
• Engagement with research and communities of enquiry
• Critical reflection on policy and practice
• Professional discussion and evidence-informed debate
Postgraduate Certificate in APS PluriLingual Education

Consisting of two compulsory courses totalling 60 SM Points.

Fundamental Principles for PluriLingual Education - 30 SM Points
An introduction to underlying theories and principles which impact on classroom practice. A conceptual framework will be used to interpret practice and share understandings across different contexts.

Unit Planning and Task Design for learner progression in PluriLingual contexts – 30 SM Points
Theoretical implications of planning for progression in plurilingual learning focuses on challenges of integrating subject, language and cultural knowledge and skills. Issues to be addressed include: language as a learning tool, code switching and cognitive engagement, through principled task construction.

Postgraduate Diploma in APS PluriLingual Education

Consisting of the PG Certificate courses and two additional courses totalling 120 SM Points.

Professional Enquiry - 30 SM Points
An exploration of links between policy, practice and research, considers different research paradigms in plurilingual settings, focusing on critical reading. It leads to designing and implementing a small-scale research project.

Exploring Professionalism and Educational Leadership - 30 SM Points
(This course is not compulsory and can be substituted from a range of other 30 SM courses)

Provides opportunities for students to self-evaluate against the challenges of modern professionalism and leadership in educational settings. And to practice and acquire skills associated with leading change and innovation.
**Master of Education in APS Plurilingual Education**

Students who successfully complete 120 SM Points from the diploma programme can extend their studies to Masters by completing a 60 SM Point dissertation or work-based project.

Participants will plan, carry out and report on an academic or work-related research investigation:

- the work-based project involves action research
- the dissertation study can take any form including an empirical investigation, a theory-driven exploration or a library-based study.

All the above courses are compulsory with exception to Exploring Professionalism and Educational Leadership. Substitutions for this course may be negotiated and chosen from our recognised specialist certificate programmes. Other identified courses or experiences outside the University of Aberdeen may be substituted through a claim for Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL). An APL claim is normally limited to 50% of the award.

For further information about substitutions or an APL claim contact the Programme Co-ordinator - Professor Do Coyle
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**Course Fees**

Fees are reviewed annually. Up-to-date fee information can be found at: http://www.abdn.ac.uk/infohub/finance/fee-rates.php

**Dates and Delivery**

All courses are available at a distance, through part-time study or residential programmes in Aberdeen.

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