

Inclusion and Special Educational Needs MEd/ Postgraduate Diploma/ Postgraduate Certificate / BPhil/ Advanced Certificate

The **Inclusion and Special Educational Needs** programme is a distance learning programme designed for students who wish to study a range of modules relating to Inclusion and Special Educational Needs (ISEN).

 Download a summary flyer for the [Inclusion and Special Educational Needs \(/Documents/college-social-sciences/education/courses/CPD/isen.pdf\)](/Documents/college-social-sciences/education/courses/CPD/isen.pdf) programme (PDF, 156KB).

Study here and find out why the University of Birmingham was awarded The Times and The Sunday Times University of the Year 2013-14 (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/news/latest/2013/09/20-sep-Birmingham-announced-as-University-of-the-Year.aspx>)

Course fact file

Type of Course: Continuing professional development, distance learning

Study Options: Distance learning

Duration: MEd 3 years; PGDip – 2 years; PGCert – 1 year

Start date: September

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[The School of Education \(/schools/education/index.aspx\)](/schools/education/index.aspx)

Details

This programme is designed for participants who wish to combine modules from two SEN related programmes.


The ISEN programme is suitable for:

- UK, European and overseas students
- professionals in schools, further education, social services or health related roles who are interested in the education and needs of children or students with a range of special educational needs (SEN)
- people who have completed a first degree and are attracted to study and gain knowledge about children and students with special educational needs

The programme utilises material for home study, tutorial and seminar groups, together with a university-based residential weekend in Birmingham. Our distance learning programme has a reputation for excellence both nationally and internationally.

Levels of Award

The level at which an individual is admitted to study on the programme will depend on their previous academic qualifications as well as their professional experience.

 [Download information on the different levels of award and progression routes \(PDF opens new window\) \(/Documents/college-social-sciences/education/courses/levels-of-award.pdf\)](/Documents/college-social-sciences/education/courses/levels-of-award.pdf)

You may also be interested in these programmes:

- [Special Educational Needs and Disabilities \(SEND\) \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/edu/special-educational-needs-disabilities.aspx\)](/postgraduate/courses/taught/edu/special-educational-needs-disabilities.aspx) campus based
- [Severe, Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties \(SPMLD\) \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/edu/severe-profound-multiple-learning-difficulties.aspx\)](/postgraduate/courses/taught/edu/severe-profound-multiple-learning-difficulties.aspx) blended learning
- [Social, Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties \(SEBD\) \(/postgraduate/courses/distance/edu/social-emotion-behav-difficulties.aspx\)](/postgraduate/courses/distance/edu/social-emotion-behav-difficulties.aspx) distance learning

Modules

On this Distance Learning programme, students join an existing programme to focus on one area of special educational needs for each year of study.

The programmes which are currently available are:

- Language, Literacies and Dyslexia (only available for PG Cert, PG Dip or MEd)
- Social, Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties
- Autism (Children)
- Autism (Adults)
- Multi-sensory Impairment (Deaf/blind)
- Severe, Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties (this is a blended learning programme, consisting of both campus-based and distance learning elements)

Fees and funding

Fees Home/EU 2015-2016

- Code 5300 AdCert £2,805
- Code 5328 BPhil £2,805
- Code 5330 PGCert £2,775
- Code 5332 PGDip £2,775
- Code 5336 MEd £2,775

Fees for distance learning programmes are based on students studying 60 credits per year.

The fees shown above are **annual fees** for students starting their courses in September 2015. Please note that where courses last more than one year, the annual fees for subsequent years on the course *may increase* due to inflation.

Fees overseas 2015-2016

- Code 5300 AdCert £6,597.50
- Code 5328 BPhil £6,597.50
- Code 5330 PGCert £4,714
- Code 5332 PGDip £4,714
- Code 5336 MEd £4,714

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Learn more about [fees and funding \(/postgraduate/pgt-fees/index.aspx\)](#)

Funding for part-time students

The UK Government provides non-means tested loans to cover the full cost of part-time tuition for all eligible English resident or non UK EU undergraduates. **Find out more about the funding for part-time students.** ([/undergraduate/fees/funding/part-time.aspx](#))

Scholarships and studentships

Scholarships may be available. International students can often gain funding through overseas research scholarships, Commonwealth scholarships or their home government. More details may be found on the [international scholarships \(/International/students/finance/index.aspx\)](#) page

For further information contact the School directly or the Student Funding Office via [online enquiries \(http://www.studenthelp.bham.ac.uk\)](#).

Entry requirements

There is only one intake per year at the beginning of the Academic Year (September/ October).

Please refer to the [School of Education entry requirements \(/postgraduate/courses/cpd/edu/progression-admission-requirements.aspx\)](#) webpage

English language requirements

In order to undertake the ISEN programme of study, you will need to demonstrate that you have a good level of written and spoken English. You can demonstrate your level of English with IELTS or alternative qualifications. The following link to the [English language qualifications \(/postgraduate/requirements-pgt/international/index.aspx\)](#) page will give you more detailed information about grades you will need.

Alternatively, or in addition, you may want to take and successfully complete one of our [English courses for international students \(/postgraduate/courses/preessional/index.aspx\)](#) courses.

International students

We accept a range of qualifications, our [country pages \(/International/students/country/index.aspx\)](#) show you what qualifications we accept from your country.

How to apply

When clicking on the Apply Now button you will be directed to an application specifically designed for the programme you wish to apply for where you will create an account with the University application system and submit your application and supporting documents online. Further information regarding how to apply online can be found on the [How to apply pages \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/apply-pg/index.aspx\)](#)

[Apply now \(https://pga.bham.ac.uk/lpages/COSo65.htm\)](https://pga.bham.ac.uk/lpages/COSo65.htm)

Related links

[Scholarships and bursaries \(/schools/education/scholarships/index.aspx\)](#)

Learning and teaching

The Inclusion and Special Educational Needs (ISEN) programme is available through Distance Learning and is only available to be studied on a part-time basis. Studying by Distance Learning enables you to complete your studies at your own pace and from anywhere in the UK or the world. The ISEN programme is unique in that it enables you to study two distinct specific areas of SEN. Dissertations, in a chosen area of study, are carried out at degree and masters levels. Please note that we require you have at least 2 years professional experience in the areas you wish to study before you can be considered.

Studies can take between 3 – 6 years, depending the level of study and the individual situation of each student, however most Masters level students complete within 3

years. Studying by Distance Learning means that you will be expected to attend Residential study weekends once or twice each year depending upon the **specialist area you decide upon**. (See under programme dates, below). Currently students who study by Distance Learning have access to Regional tutors as well as University course tutors.

To begin this programme, you will need to choose from the following areas of Special Educational Needs (SEN) for each year of study:

- [Social, Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties \(/postgraduate/courses/distance/edu/social-emotion-behav-difficulties.aspx\)](/postgraduate/courses/distance/edu/social-emotion-behav-difficulties.aspx)
- [Autism \(Children\) \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/edu/autism-children.aspx\)](/postgraduate/courses/taught/edu/autism-children.aspx)
- [Autism \(Adults\) \(/postgraduate/courses/distance/edu/autism-adults.aspx\)](/postgraduate/courses/distance/edu/autism-adults.aspx)
- [Multi-sensory Impairment \(Deaf/blind\) \(/postgraduate/courses/distance/edu/multisensory-impairment.aspx\)](/postgraduate/courses/distance/edu/multisensory-impairment.aspx)
- Severe, Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties
- [Language, Literacies and Dyslexia \(/postgraduate/courses/taught/edu/language-literacies-dyslexia.aspx\)](/postgraduate/courses/taught/edu/language-literacies-dyslexia.aspx)

If you study at BPhil, Postgraduate Diploma or Masters level - at the end of the Year 1 you will transfer to a second specialist area of study from the choice above.

If further advice is needed regarding choice of specialist areas of study then please contact [Neil Hall \(/staff/profiles/education/hall-neil.aspx\)](/staff/profiles/education/hall-neil.aspx).

Programme Dates

The ISEN programme officially begins in September of each academic year. Most start with a residential weekend, at the University of Birmingham. Some courses have another residential in the Spring. Dates for academic year 2014/15 and for each specialist area Residential weekends are given below. It is important you attend the Residential weekends as they are an important part of the courses. You will meet your tutors and other study group and the cost of the programme reflects the incorporation of the Residential accommodation, meals and visiting speakers.

Dates for Residential Weekends

Autism: 19 - 21 September 2014 and 17 - 19 April 2015. Lead tutors are Karen Guldborg (Children) and Andrea McLeod (Adults)

Severe and Profound Complex Learning Difficulties: Induction online 29 September 2014. Residential weekends 24 - 26 October 2014; 13 - 15 February 2015; 22 - 24 May 2015. Lead tutor is Penny Lacey

Multi Sensory Impairment: 19 - 21 September 2014, 27 - 29 April 2015. Lead tutor is Liz Hodges

SEBD: 3 - 4 October 2014 and 8 - 10 May 2015. Lead tutor is Neil Hall

Language, Literacies and Dyslexia: Online induction module, no residential. Lead tutor is Deirdre Martin

Assessment methods

At the end of each module there is a 4,000 word assignment for level M and 3,000 for level H. The content of the assignment enables you to study aspects of the module in depth and relate this to your own work.

Related staff

[Neil Hall \(/staff/profiles/education/hall-neil.aspx\)](/staff/profiles/education/hall-neil.aspx)

Employability

There is the opportunity to work towards a further professional qualification in the field of Education, which includes progression to a PhD or EdD. Many of our graduates successfully apply for roles working with children and young people with special educational needs. These include: teachers, education advisors, special educational needs coordinators and head teachers in schools and managers of community and charitable organisations.

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