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About

I currently co-ordinate the EAP and Study Skills modules for the Birmingham Foundation Academy. I am also a Preessional English tutor in the English for International Students Unit.

Qualifications

- MEd TESOL (Manchester)
- BEd Hons History (Exeter)
- Institute of Linguists Advanced Diploma (Spanish)

Biography

I joined the Unit in 2003 as Deputy Director of the BME Preessional programme contributing to the development and expansion of the programme to 200 students per annum.

In 2007 I became Director of the International Foundation Programme in Business, Arts, Social Science and Law and EAP Co-ordinator for the programme. The switch from preparing international students for postgraduate programmes to foundation year provision involved developing appropriate curriculum and teaching methodologies and expanding the range of modules.

Prior to working at the University I taught EAP at both Aston and Salford Universities and spent an enjoyable 10 years in Spain teaching English at the British Council and also in higher education institutions.

Teaching

I have delivered a range of courses at the university including Academic English for the Business School's postgraduate programmes, insessional and preessional English classes and programmes for Chevening Fellows and Scholars in the European Research Institute.

Other activities

My main professional interests are the development of academic writing skills in subject specific areas, EAP course design and development, English language assessment, Business English and intercultural communication. In-house publications include 'BME Academic Writing Guide' and 'Academic Reading'.