



**PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE  
IN ENGLISH-MEDIUM  
INSTRUCTION (PDC-EMI)**

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# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE

## WHAT IS ENGLISH AS A MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION (EMI)?

EMI is the use of English language to teach academic subjects in contexts where English may not be the first language of the instructors or students.

## WHO IS THE PROGRAM FOR?

Designed to support the implementation of English-medium instruction in primary, secondary or higher education school systems.

PDC-EMI is for educators in the following contexts:

- Universities
- School boards
- Administrations
- Government ministries of education

Minimum level of English language proficiency required:

- IELTS:4.5-5.5
- TOEFL iBT:53-78
- CEFR B1
- Cambridge BI Preliminary

The PDC-EMI can be delivered at Dalhousie or on-site.

## WHY DALHOUSIE?

- Quality assurance that can only be delivered by a university.
- Certificate facilitators are qualified educators with postgraduate degrees and research experience. They have taught and led PD training at universities, colleges, corporations, and language schools around the world.
- Participants receive an official Dalhousie University certificate upon completion.



## PDC-EMI OVERVIEW

PDC-EMI is a four-module certificate program. The program uses Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL) as a pedagogical framework. CLIL is an approach to teaching content via a language that is not the students' mother tongue.

In a CLIL setting, language and the subject matter being taught become integrated, and students learn the language along with the content. CLIL practitioners focus on four dimensions – content, cognition, communication and culture. These dimensions govern the way course curriculum is designed, classes are taught, and students are assessed.

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## PDC-EMI CERTIFICATE

Participants complete four compulsory modules to receive their PDC-EMI Certificate from Dalhousie University. Each module consists of lectures, discussions and hands-on activities (22.5 hours per module).

Dalhousie University PDC-EMI facilitators provide individual support and coaching to help participants with the implementation of skills.



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## EMI CERTIFICATE COURSE MODULES (4 COMPULSORY MODULES)

### MODULE 1

#### Introduction to CLIL in an EMI context

Module 1 focuses on understanding Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL). Participants examine their immediate teaching context, develop an understanding of the content-language relationship, understand core English language skills, identify potential problems in an EMI environment, and work towards possible solutions.

NOTE: MODULE 1 OF THE PDC-EMI IS ALSO **AVAILABLE ONLINE**.

### MODULE 2

#### Teaching Strategies in an EMI context

Competency in the English language in an EMI context can affect the level and quality of instruction. In this module, participants will learn and practice use of English language in designing and delivering lessons in an EMI context. This module develops CLIL pedagogical experience with hands-on activities.

NOTE: MODULE 2 OF THE PDC-EMI IS ALSO **AVAILABLE ONLINE**.

### MODULE 3

#### CLIL Management & Assessment

Priorities of content teaching over language may pose challenges for EMI practitioners in their desire to effectively manage student performance and teaching practice. Module 3 focuses on developing participants' skills for classroom management. In particular, participants study principles of assessment, evaluation, and learning management in EMI settings.

### MODULE 4

#### Implementation of CLIL practices in an EMI context

Practical implementation of theoretical and pedagogical principals is an essential element of Module 4. Participants practice CLIL principles in micro-teaching sessions. Participants will practice principles of course design for an EMI classroom.

# CUSTOM CERTIFICATE MODULES



## CREATE A CUSTOMIZED CERTIFICATE

- Delivery dates are customizable
- Cost is customized based on requirements
- Delivered at the institution of choice

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