

Master of Arts in Education (M.A.Ed.- RPL) with IBEC

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

UK Level 7 Programme

Certified by Birmingham City University, UK

Delivered at Indus Training and Research Institute (ITARI), Bangalore

Batch Commences on September, every year

1. What is the Master of Arts in Education (M.A.Ed. RPL) programme?

The Master of Arts in Education (M.A.Ed. RPL) with IB Educator Certificate (from IBO) is a UK Level 7 postgraduate degree awarded by Birmingham City University (BCU) and delivered at Indus Training and Research Institute (ITARI), Bangalore through a blended learning format.

This unique, research-based programme is designed for in-service teachers, trainers, and educational leaders with a minimum of 2 years of professional experience. It enables participants to reflect on their teaching practices and develop their skills through mindful research and targeted intervention in educational settings, thereby enhancing their effectiveness and impact as educators.

2. What are the eligibility criteria for the M.A.Ed. RPL programme?

Applicants must hold a graduate degree and have a minimum of 2 years of teaching experience or relevant experience within the education sector. They must also be currently employed.

3. What is the duration of the M.A.Ed. RPL programme?

Approximately 1.5 to 2 years.

4. What are the modes of learning available for the M.A.Ed. RPL programme?

Monday to Friday evening online sessions from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM IST, combined with three 1-week residential sessions at ITARI, Bangalore.

5. What are the three phases of the M.A.Ed. RPL programme?

- **Phase I:** Submission of a **portfolio of evidence** demonstrating your prior teaching experience. Upon successful review, you are awarded 60 academic credits through the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) process.
- **Phase II:** Completion of a mini education-based research project, enabling you to apply research methods in your own teaching context. This phase awards an additional 60 credits.
- **Phase III:** Execution of a more in-depth research project on your teaching practice, under the guidance of BCU faculty, culminating in the award of the final 60 credits. Upon successful completion, you will have earned a total of 180 credits.
- **As it is an International Programme, it is usually possible to transfer your credits to another University for pursuing further qualifications.**

6. Are there any EMI options available for paying the course fee?

Yes. We offer EMI options through GrayQuest, our accredited financial partner, to make payments more manageable.

7. What is the timeline for the M.A.Ed. RPL programme?

While a large part of the programme is self-paced, the tentative timeline is:

- **Stage I (September – November):** Submission of evidence demonstrating your experience in reflection-based teaching practice
- **Stage II (December – March):** Development of a research proposal and completion of classroom-based research
- **Summer Break (April – May):** Break
- **Stage II – Final Part (June onwards):** Longitudinal research and dissertation submission

8. What will I learn during the M.A.Ed. RPL programme?

During the M.A.Ed. RPL programme, you will:

- Review your teaching practice objectively through evidence and reflective practices.
- Carry out systematic classroom research
- Learn to ethically consider the impact of your research
- Critically reflect on your professional practice to become a leader in learning
- Develop the skills and dispositions of a teacher-researcher

9. What kind of support is available for students during the programme?

One of the unique features of the ITARI-BCU programmes is that the participants receive personalized mentoring and have access to support materials, including the extensive online library of Birmingham City University and continuous support from highly qualified and experienced mentors from both ITARI and BCU. In Stage I, ITARI coaches you towards preparing your portfolio of evidence. In Stage II, ITARI guides you in research methods and mentors you to conduct classroom-based or education-related research, improving your academic thinking, reading, and writing skills. In Stage III, BCU professors guide your research and work.

10. What kind of placement assistance is provided?

We offer comprehensive placement support with reputable international schools (IB, IGCSE, Cambridge, and others).

Our alumni have secured positions in some of the most prestigious national and international schools, including Woodstock School, United World College, Oberoi International School, Mallya Aditi International School, The International School Bangalore (TISB), Legacy School, Greenwood High, Neev Academy, Tech Avant-Garde, Pathways World School, Shiv Nadar School (Chennai), Indus International Schools (Bangalore, Hyderabad, Pune, Belagavi), United World Academy, Oakridge International School, Wockhardt Global School (New York), Ambitus World School, SRV International School, Nahar International School, JBCN International School, Harvest International School, Bangalore International School, Welham Boys' School, The Learning Curve International School, and many more. The programme's reputation, academic rigor, and strong placement support make it a valuable steppingstone for educators aspiring to grow in international education.

11. What is the success rate of the M.A.Ed. RPL programme?

100% every year

12. What is a Level 7 programme?

A prestigious Level 7 qualification (UK level 7 qualification) represents a postgraduate qualification, equivalent to a Master's degree, just one level below a doctorate (Level 8). This makes it a prestigious and advanced degree that is widely recognized internationally.

13. Can I pursue further studies after completing the M.A.Ed. RPL?

Yes, the programme offers the possibility to transfer your earned 180 academic credits to further your education with international universities, including the potential pursuit of a PhD.

14. How does the M.A.Ed. RPL programme enhance my career prospects?

The M.A.Ed. is a highly respected qualification among international schools, especially IB schools, where educators often earn up to 10 times more than CBSE/ICSE teachers. Our alumni are in high demand globally and hold positions of influence in leading institutions.

15. What is the average salary offered to graduates?

Our graduates earn an average monthly salary of approximately INR 2 lacs.

16. Where can I verify the programme's credentials?

ITARI is listed on the Birmingham City University website, reflecting our esteemed partnership. The link has been shared here.

<https://www.bcu.ac.uk/international/policies-agents-partnerships/partner-information>

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18. How do I apply for the M.A.Ed. RPL programme?

The selection process involves the following steps:

- Submit an Application Form with a Statement of Purpose (SoP) via Application Link: https://itari.schoolelement.in/itari_admissions/home
- Review of eligibility and SoP
- Faculty interaction/interview (if need be)

For assistance, feel free to contact us Office of Admissions Phone:+ 91 6381728282 / 82176 90832/ 9108178163 or admissions@itari.in / enquiry@itari.in.

19. Can I visit the campus before enrolling in the programme?

Yes. We encourage all prospective students to visit our Bangalore campus to experience the learning environment firsthand. Contact us to schedule your visit.

20. What opportunities will this programme provide in terms of teaching in international schools?

The programme equips you with globally recognized credentials and skills to teach in top international schools across India and abroad. Our alumni are highly regarded for their professional excellence.

21. How can I contact ITARI for more information?

- **Phone:** +91 6381728282 / 8217690832/ 9108178163
- **Email:** enquiry@itari.in

22. Does this programme include QTS/ iQTS qualification

NO

About ITARI

23. What is ITARI?

Indus Training and Research Institute (ITARI) is a leading teacher education institution in India, dedicated to innovative practices in personalising learning and teacher augmentation. Co-located on the Indus International School, Bangalore campus, ITARI offers a diverse and dynamic learning environment.

24. What is ITARI's vision?

ITARI is committed to creating educators who place humanity at the center of learning. Our vision is to innovate and personalize learning, integrating technology and research to enhance teaching practices. We aim to prepare educators who can meet the challenges of 21st-century education.

25. What other programmes does ITARI offer?

Apart from the M.A.Ed. RPL, ITARI offers various programmes including:

- PGDE-I (Postgraduate Diploma in Education – International), Birmingham City University, UK
- CIDTL (Cambridge International Diploma in Teaching and Learning)
- IEC for IB (International Educator Certificate)
- Postgraduate Diploma in Early Childhood Education
- Professional Development Workshops for educators and institutions