

Berne, December 22, 2022

Dear colleagues,

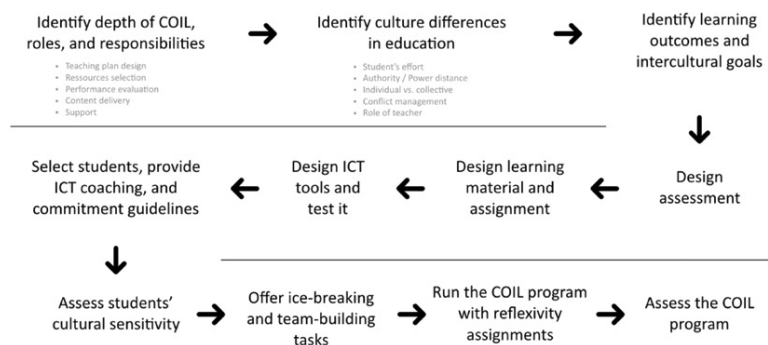
We are writing to propose a collaboration between our university (University of Teacher Education, Berne, Switzerland) and yours through a **Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL)** program. We believe that this partnership would not only enrich the educational experiences of our students, but also foster a greater understanding and appreciation for diverse cultures and viewpoints.

As you may know, the COIL program enables students at different universities to collaborate on cross-cultural projects and engage in virtual exchange with their peers abroad. Through this program, our students would have the opportunity to work with students at your university on projects that address issues and challenges related to the field of teaching, while also learning about each other's cultures and ways of life.

The current state of our **COIL idea** is as follows:

Students work in groups on a project on “**subject-specific teaching across different countries and cultures**”. Planned so far are discussions about teaching and learning in different education systems, collaborative planning subject-specific lessons (if possible, including a classroom trial and evaluation) as well as reflections on intercultural learning.

The COIL-project will be based on the following model:



(Alvarez, L., & Steiner, M. (2019). Collaborative online international learning: From a systematic review of literature about barriers to an implementation plan. ASEM Education in a Digital World: Bridging the Continents - Connecting the People, 18–29.)

### Possible timeline<sup>1</sup>:

- February 23: Kick-off meeting among teachers
- March 23: Kick-off meeting with students
- Between March and May 23: Students work in groups
- May 23: Presentation session

We look forward to the possibility of collaborating with your university and hope to discuss this proposal further with you in the near future. If you are interested in such a collaboration, please contact us by **January 20, 2023** ([meike.raaflaub@phbern.ch](mailto:meike.raaflaub@phbern.ch)).

And: We are also happy to discuss other ideas or COIL-projects which could be implemented in Fall 2023 or Spring 2024.

Sincerely,

Simone Ganguillet & Meike Raaflaub

<sup>1</sup> In spring 2023, our course takes place on WED from 8:15-09:45 (CET). Ideally, the sessions with students could take place during that time slot.