



Level 3 Certificate in Communication Support for Deaf Learners

It is estimated that about 9 million people in the UK who are Deaf or hard of hearing, Deafness is the third most common disability in the world, but you probably wouldn't spot a Deaf person in a crowd.

Most Deaf people don't view their Deafness as a disability or as a problem that should be fixed. For many of them, it's a natural part of a cultural experience that they share with friends, both Deaf and hearing.

The majority of Deaf people who use sign language use BSL. It is a rich combination of hand gestures, facial expressions and body language.

BSL isn't simply English with hand signs, it is a different language with its own grammar and sentence construction.

Deaf people embrace their Deafness and are proud of their history. There is a very strong sense of community and culture amongst Deaf people

All of our training courses are designed, to be fully immersive, interactive and a fun learning experience our tutors are Deaf and the courses are constructed in such a way as to offer a unique insight into the world of the deaf community.

Each course has a specific aim and the overall outcome will be to empower and provide you with the confidence to communicate with and understand Deaf people and their communication needs and methods.

As a fully approved Signature assessment centre (Signature is the awarding body for deaf communication qualifications in the UK) our course qualifications are nationally recognised and accredited by Ofqual (Office of the Qualifications and Examinations regulator)



Sign Language is a visual means of Communicating using gestures, facial Expression and body language

British Sign Language has its own grammatical structure and is in no way similar to spoken English.

BSL is the preferred language of around 145,000 people within the UK.

Due to the nature of Sign Language there are significant variations from city to city within the UK.

British Sign Language was recognised as an official language of the United Kingdom in 2003



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Qualification aim

This qualification is appropriate for specialist learning support practitioners who work with Deaf Learners and for those supporting work based training. The aim of the certificate is to provide those who are learning support practitioners—Communication Support Workers (CSWs) with the underpinning knowledge, understanding and skills in order to effectively fulfil their role.

Qualification structure

To achieve the Level 3 Certificate in Communication Support for Deaf Learners, Learners are required to achieve all eight units.

Unit	Unit Title	Assessment
K311	Preparing to Support Learning	Portfolio of Evidence
K312	Learning Support in Lifelong Learning, Context: Communication Support for Deaf Learners	Portfolio of Evidence
K313	Principles of Learning Support: Communication Support for Deaf People	Portfolio of Evidence
K314	Supporting Learning: Communication Support for Deaf Learners	Portfolio of Evidence
K315	Reflective Journal	Production of Journal
K316	Supporting Bi-Lingual Access	Portfolio of Evidence
K317	Clear Speech and Notetaking	Portfolio of Evidence
K318	Accessible English for Deaf And Deafblind People	Written Paper

Essential Requirements

A minimum of Level 2 BSL is essential for candidates studying this Certificate. Level 3 BSL is desirable. Candidates should also have English at a minimum level 2. It is strongly recommended that candidates without BSL Level 3, should achieve this whilst training or shortly after finishing the course.

THIS IS IMPORTANT

Course Fee = £1400 + £568 Exam Fees + VAT

Exam Fees are not included in the Course Fee, should you need to re-sit / re-submit any of the exams/course work the following charges are payable by you:

K311 - £70.00 + VAT

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ADDITIONAL CHARGES

To appeal a decision made by the examination board

Appeal - £30.00 + VAT

Replacement of a Qualification Certificate

Replacement - £30.00 + VAT

The length of the course is 15 Months (1 X weekend per month) and must be completed in that time.

If you are unable to attend a class, you must make every attempt to catch up on missed sessions.

Should you require more time to complete the course or additional tuition a charge will apply, per additional session.

Additional Sessions - £40.00 + VAT per hour



PROGRESSION

On completion of Level 3 Certificate in Communication Support for Deaf Learners, a full range of additional qualifications are available,

including:

Level 3 Award in Insights into Communicating with Congenitally Deafblind People

Level 3 NVQ Certificate in British/Irish Sign Language

Level 6 NVQ Certificate in British/Irish Sign Language

Level 6 Diploma in Sign Language Interpreting

Level 6 Diploma in Sign Language Translation