

Course Description and Outline

Course Title	Prepare for British Sign Language)		
Level of Course	Level 1	Course Code	A1367
Duration in Weeks	5 weeks		
Brief Description of Course What will the course cover?	<p>This qualification is designed to teach you to communicate using British Sign Language (BSL) on a range of topics that involve simple, everyday language use.</p> <p>This course will cover Unit 101 but does not include the assessment – see Examination/Assessment for more details.</p>		
Entry Requirements	<p>You must attend an information/assessment session before enrolling on this course. You need to be able to read, understand and carry out verbal and written instructions in English.</p> <p>BSL competence standards include requirements for candidates to have sufficient sight, manual dexterity, facial and body movement to produce and receive BSL.</p>		
Main Learning Outcomes for all Learners (Maximum of 5) By the end of the course you will be able to:			
1	Take part in a basic conversation using British Sign Language		
2	Receive and sign basic numbers – people, time, money and dates		
3	Receive and sign different weather conditions		
4	Receive and sign a wide range of modes of transport		
5	Receive and sign directions (in places or buildings) and ask for directions		
Equipment Required What will I need to bring to class?	Please bring your enrolment slip to the first session. You will need writing materials and a folder to store hand outs. We recommend you buy a copy of Start to Sign published by RNID.		
What courses can I go on to?	On successful completion of this course you can progress to British Sign Language Award Level 1 – Units 102/103.		

What examination or assessment will there be and what will it involve?

This course does not include assessment for Unit 101 which will either take place at the start of Unit 102/103 course, or in a separate session for learners who do not wish to continue to complete the full award. An assessment and administration fee of £25 will be payable.

To achieve this unit, learners may show that they can understand and use basic language in everyday situations. Learners must demonstrate that they can meet and greet, understand basic conversation and numbers, give and follow simple directions and information.

Unit BSL101 is internally assessed by the tutor.

How will I know I am making progress?

Your tutor will give you feedback on your progress in class and keep a record of your work and performance and discuss this with you. You will also have an individual learning plan where you can track your own progress.

Is there anything else I need to know?

We expect you to attend all classes, be on time and complete any homework given by your tutor. BSL needs to be practised at home and at local Deaf Clubs. You will need to attend your local Deaf Club at least once during this course and practise the signs by communicating and meeting with deaf people.

There are free practice resources available on the Signature website for Unit 101 and you are encouraged to use these. An additional two hours practice outside the classroom each week is recommended.

In general, we will not allow late entry to any course after the first two weeks. In all cases the full fee will be charged. You can discuss issues with your tutor or the Assistant Programme Manager at any time during the course.

What if I want extra support? Contact the Learner Support & Advice Team

The Learner Support and Advice Team can support learners to achieve their education and employment goals. Information, advice and guidance are given on a range of issues including financial support, support available for learners who are disabled, and learners with learning difficulties. Come and see one of our experienced and friendly advisors who can help you make the next step. For further information, text **IDEA** and your name to **07950 080 341** or email **ideastorelearning@towerhamlets.gov.uk** and a member of the team will get back to you.

This is a brief description of the course content and is not definitive or exhaustive. The course content may be subject to change without notice however the details above are intended to give a picture of the types of activities which may be included on the course.

Course outlines provide a general summary of the contents and material to be covered during lessons. They are subject to change at the discretion of teachers to meet the needs of learners and should not be regarded as prescriptive lists of activities to be covered.