

## Course Description and Outline

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| <b>Course Title</b>   | Signature Level 1 Award in British Sign Language (Units 102 and 103)   |                    |       |
| <b>Level of Course</b>  | Level 1  | <b>Course Code</b> | Y0037 |
| <b>Duration in Weeks</b>  | 27 weeks   |                    |       |
| <b>Brief Description of Course<br/>What will the course cover?</b>  | <p>This qualification is designed to teach learners to communicate using British Sign Language (BSL) on a range of topics.</p> <p>Units 102 and 103 focus on conversational BSL and communicating in everyday life.</p>  |                    |       |
| <b>Entry Requirements</b>   | <p>An assessment session is a requirement for this course and you must have completed the Unit 101 course with Idea Store Learning.</p> <p>You need to be able to read, understand and carry out verbal and written instructions in English. BSL competence standards include requirements for candidates to have sufficient sight, manual dexterity, facial and body movement to produce and receive BSL.</p> |                    |       |
| <b>Main Learning Outcomes for all Learners (Maximum of 5)<br/>By the end of the course you will be able to:</b> |  |                    |       |
| <b>1</b>  | Describe people, animals and objects (through stories, picture sequence and role plays)  |                    |       |
| <b>2</b>  | Use numbers – calendar, time lines, ages, sizes, time periods  |                    |       |
| <b>3</b>  | Discuss hobbies, interests, and activities   |                    |       |
| <b>4</b>  | Share information  |                    |       |
| <b>5</b>  | Discuss weather, getting around, food and drink  |                    |       |
| <b>Equipment Required<br/>What will I need to bring to class?</b>   | 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.  |                    |       |
| <b>What courses can I go on to?</b>   | On successful completion of this course you can progress to BSL Level 2 which is offered by a number of local organisations.   |                    |       |

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

Assessment of Unit 102 and Unit 103 is through 4-5 minute conversations with the tutor on topics supplied by Signature. These conversations will allow candidates to show both productive and receptive skills covering the assessment criteria and will be video recorded.

These assessments are externally assessed by Signature.

### **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 twice a month during the course and practise the signs by communicating and meeting with deaf people. Two hours additional practice each week is recommended.

Here are some useful resources that will help you with your studies:

- Action Deafness Books - [www.actiondeafnessbooks.org.uk/](http://www.actiondeafnessbooks.org.uk/)
- Signature's BSL Online Homework - [www.bslhomework.org.uk/](http://www.bslhomework.org.uk/)
- Signature's Homework DVDs - [www.signature.org.uk/shop.php](http://www.signature.org.uk/shop.php)
- ITV Signpost - [www.signpostbsl.com/](http://www.signpostbsl.com/)
- Sign Station - [www.signstation.org/](http://www.signstation.org/)
- Forest Bookshop - [www.forestbooks.com/products/index.php](http://www.forestbooks.com/products/index.php)

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**

We want to support all our learners to achieve their goals. If you want help to decide what to do next or if there are any circumstances which you think may prevent you from studying (such as financial problems, lack of basic skills, disability or a learning difficulty) we may be able to help. For these and any other queries call the Learner Support and Advice Team ring back service on 020 7364 5665.

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.