

## Course Information Sheet

### British Sign Language Pre-Level 3

#### **Introduction**

A fun relaxed course, with no pressure of curriculum or assessments. Participants will be consolidating and improving skills learnt on Level 2 and will be introduced to some of the Level 3 BSL features and criteria. They will improve skills, build confidence and be given action plans on areas for improvement. This course will enable learners to continue to maintain and improve skills learnt as well as acting as a bridging course for those learners who want to move onto Signature's NVQ 3.

#### **What are the course entry requirements?**

Participants should have completed Signature BSL Level 2 or Post Level 2. They must have a willingness to experiment with the sign language they have already learnt at Level 2, appreciating sign and regional variations between tutors and learners. They must be mixing within or working within the Deaf Community on a regular basis to maintain skills at this Level.

#### **How long is the course?**

##### **Part 1**

Friday 6.30 – 9.30pm  
Saturday 9am – 9pm  
Sunday 9.15am -2pm

##### **Course cost:**

**£159.50 includes meals and refreshments at break times**

**£189.50 residential includes breakfast and accommodation for two nights**

##### **Part 2**

Saturday 9.30am – 4.30pm  
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**Course cost: £120**

#### **What will the course involve?**

Improving skills already learnt, practising with other learners of the same level through structured activities set by the tutor. Looking at many different aspects of BSL and performing tasks to prepare you for Level 3 e.g. discussions, debates, presenting skills, relaying information from English to BSL and BSL to English. You will start to look at the Level 3 specifications and the BSL features you need to learn to achieve the standard and criteria. We will also be encouraging learners to mix within the Deaf Community as much as possible.

#### **How will I be learning?**

Both courses are taught by 3 tutors at varied times throughout the course. The majority of your learning within the classroom will be both practical hands on signing and reception skills through set activities organised by your tutors. The activities will be done individually, in pairs and group work. They will include watching video clips, translating English to BSL and BSL to English. You will be looking at Level 3 grammatical features and theories and trying them out. Learners will also start to learn voiceover skills, how to video themselves ready for portfolio building and start to develop skills on how to evaluate theirs and others' performance, a necessary skill for Level 3. Learners will also be encouraged to use the internet, CD ROMs, videos and read books on BSL theory.

**What equipment will I need?**

Access to the internet is essential. A file, pen and paper is needed at all sessions. Learners wishing to progress to Level 3 may wish to invest in a Flip Video, Tripod and 8GB hard drive, but this is not essential for this course.

**How will I know if I am making progress?**

Learners will complete a learner progress record where they can monitor their own progress and individual feedback will be given every session by your tutors. At this level participants must take responsibility for their own learning and although tutors will guide you on areas for improvement and give you action plans it is a necessity that you continue to work on your skills outside of class individually, with other learners and Deaf people. Learners will have one 1:1 tutorials with the tutors when necessary.

**What course work will I be expected to complete?**

You will be expected to mix within the Deaf community on a weekly basis to improve your fluency and cultural awareness. You will be given the NVQ 3 specifications with a view to gaining a deeper understanding of the criteria and the requirements. You will be asked to deliver presentations, have discussions and debates including appropriate criteria to aim to achieve the Level 3 standard. You will be asked to relay spoken and written English into BSL and BSL into spoken and written English.

**What can I expect to learn from this course?**

- develop skills in relaying information from English to BSL and BSL to English
- identify and discuss BSL features from the Level 3 specifications
- be involved in discussions and debates using appropriate cultural conventions
- deliver individual presentations
- identify how connectives are used within BSL and compare them to English connectives
- take part in games using BSL
- identify and discuss the criteria and course requirements for NVQ 3
- how to evaluate yourself and others
- voiceover techniques

**Will I need to cover anything in addition to the course fee?**

No, although mixing within the Deaf Community is a priority and these excursions will need to be funded by you. Learners wishing to progress to Level 3 may wish to invest in a Flip Video, tripod and 8GB hard drive, but this is not essential for this course.

**What other training programmes and progression opportunities are there?**

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If you require in-depth advice on progression opportunities or guidance on career choices please contact our Information Advice and Guidance Officers on 0845 600 1331. For general information about other courses, contact us on the same number or check out the website [www.lancashire.gov.uk/adultlearning](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/adultlearning)