

Level 3 Certificate in Community Interpretation

In Britain today there are many different linguistic communities from a diverse range of backgrounds. In many cases, members of these communities have a limited grasp of spoken English. Often it is necessary for those in the community with stronger communication skills in English to act as a bridge between these people and the wider community. They help them overcome the linguistic barriers and cultural differences they encounter on a daily basis where their lack of proficiency in spoken English is a drawback.

This qualification equips learners, with high levels of language skills in both their first language and English, to undertake interpreting work at a basic level of two-way communication in public service settings. It has units covering the main areas which learners will need to be familiar with; selecting and preparing for assignments, understanding the sectors within which they may work and ensuring that they improve and develop their own performance.

Start Date:	08 March 2025
Start Time:	10:00
Lessons:	16
Weeks:	16
Hours:	104.00

Venue

Rochester Adult Education Centre
Rochester Community Hub
Eastgate
ME1 1EW

What will I learn on this course?

The certificate consists of six mandatory units with a credit value of 14 and a further minimum of 8 optional credits made up from a choice of seven optional units

There are several features of this qualification that make it very appropriate for its target learners:

- It allows the learners to develop their skills and knowledge of the role of a community interpreter and to practise those skills

Aims

The aims of the qualification are to enable learners:

- To understand the role of the community interpreter
- To learn about the sectors where interpreters may be required to work
- To develop and practise sight translation
- To demonstrate the skills of two-way interpreting
- To learn how to develop and enhance their own performance

Is this course suitable for me?

This course is designed for those who would like to become a community interpreter in the future. It is ideal for those who need to develop their language skills and public service knowledge. It is great for learners who already have some voluntary interpreting experience or are looking for some further training in community interpreting.

Is there anything I need to know about this course?

- Learners will need to attend an Advice and Guidance meeting prior to enrolling.
- You will need basic computer skills and the ability to use Google Documents. You may need to enrol on a computer course beforehand. Please check with the team in your advice and guidance interview
- Learners are fully supported to achieve their goals and we strive to be an inclusive provider
- Learners need to be aware that there will be some homework set and individual research to undertake as part of their personal development
- You will need to bring a notepad, pen and folder for storing your resources.

What could I go on to do after this course?

This qualification could lead to paid employment as a Community Interpreter. Learners could also progress towards further study in Community Interpreting, such as the Level 4 Certificate in Community Interpreting or the Diploma in Public Service Interpreting.

If you wish to explore your learning, work or career options, you can speak to a fully trained careers advisor on 0800 100 900. <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>

If you need further advice please telephone 01634 338400.

Attendance Policy

In order to get the most out of your course you will need to attend as many sessions as possible. We recommend at least 90%. If you do have a holiday booked during term -time please let the tutor know in advance so that we can help you catch up on missed sessions and ensure that you still achieve the course outcomes. If you are unavoidably ill or unable to attend please contact 01634 338400 so that we can let your tutor know, and so they can send you any work you may have missed.

Health and Safety

If you are worried about anything, please talk to your tutor or our Safeguarding Officer.

Learners are encouraged to work safely. Poor positioning of equipment can lead to Repetitive Strain Injury (RSI).

Discover more about safe ways to work with computer equipment here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zkyg87h/revision/1>