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Teach SASL: Trainer course

A certificate of competence short course

If you are a Deaf South African Sign Language (SASL) user and would like to learn more about teaching SASL and how to develop your own training course, this course is for you! Information in SASL is available [here](#).

What is the focus of this course?

This course aims to equip first-language SASL users with the knowledge and skills to design, develop and teach a beginner SASL course to a broader audience. It introduces key elements of course creation, including basic structure and analysis, teaching methodology, assessment design and foundational business English.

The course also offers practical guidance on how to promote your course effectively, with useful tips and tricks for advertising and attracting learners.

During the course we will focus on the following aspects:

- Week 1 Introduction, overview, time-management, assessments, expectations and deliverables
- Week 2 Designing a course: different timelines, delivery platforms (online vs in person), budgeting, invoicing and advertising tips
- Week 3 Lesson plans, activities and different types of resources
- Week 4 Different types of assessments and record-keeping
- Week 5 Mid-course assessment test
- Week 6 Teaching styles, audience engagement and professional behaviour
- Week 7 Basic business principles
- Week 8 Basic English business writing skills
- Week 9 Formal assessment test
- Week 10 In-depth SASL structure tuition

By the end of this 10-week online course, you should be able to -

- explain key aspects of SASL structure and analysis;
- apply basic business English in a teaching context;
- use basic advertising tools to promote your course;
- design a Beginner SASL course for a broader audience;
- develop relevant course resources and materials; and
- monitor learner progress and assess course outcomes effectively.

Who should attend and what are the career benefits?

If you are a Deaf SASL user and would like to learn more about teaching South African Sign Language and developing your own course, this course is your answer.

To ensure optimal learning, we limit the number of participants. Online sessions are complemented by online learning, and certain aspects of the course are assessed.

Any prerequisites?

Selection of participants will be made in consultation with the presenter and course coordinators, based on the following minimum requirements:

- Being a Deaf SASL user
- South African citizenship
- Grade 12 qualification
- Moderate competency in written English
- Good competency in computer skills
- Familiarity with creating electronic documents
- Availability of a computer with a camera and recording capabilities
- Stable internet connection for the online sessions, and to access learning material

How and when will this short course take place?

Our courses combine live online sessions with the presenter facilitated on MS Teams, with self-directed online learning.

Short courses open on our system before the first online session and close well after the last online session. This allows enough time for you to access SUNOnline.

The 2-hour live online sessions are held twice a week, for 10 weeks, on the following dates:

Online session dates (16:30 to 18:30)	Course duration (system opening and closing dates)	Apply by
16, 18, 23, 25, 30 September 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30 October 4, 6, 11, 13, 18 and 20 November	9 September to 28 November	26 August

During this course, you will spend your time as follows (this may vary for individuals):

- Two weekly online sessions of two hours each
- About three hours per week of self-paced reading and completing tasks, activities, and assignments

Who is the presenter?

Ingrid Parkin is a goal-driven Deaf individual, inspired towards achieving practical results for disabled people in fields of education, economy and society. Ingrid believes that integration of people living with disabilities into South African society starts with education - not only in special schools but also in each and every school in the country.



What is the cost?

The course fee is R6 900, which includes online sessions with your presenter, course material and assessments.

Please note that course fees are payable before the course starts and that we will present this course only if the minimum paid candidates have confirmed attendance.

Click on [this link](#) if you are interested in doing this course and fill in the form. **We will send you a link to apply for the short course.**

Further questions?

Contact Michelle Pieters at michellep@sun.ac.za or 021 808 2812 for more details.

You could also discuss your specific short course and development needs with us. Enquire about our available short courses, course dates, and options for tailor-making a course.