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COURSE BROCHURE

South African Sign Language Deaf Community Research Training

Communication Studies and Language / Language

Unit Standard 115806 · NQF Level 6 · 10 Credits · 7 Days

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course equips learners with the skills to conduct ethical, culturally sensitive research within the South African Sign Language (SASL) Deaf community. Participants will explore Deaf culture, research methodologies, and community engagement practices to produce meaningful, respectful research outcomes.

Category	Communication Studies and Language
Subfield	Language
Unit Standard	115806
Accreditation	SAQA Accredited · NQF Level 6 · 10 Credits
Duration	7 days
Training Method	Online, On-Campus, In-House
Certificate	Issued via AATICD LMS – verifiable online

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Apply ethical principles and protocols for conducting research with the SASL Deaf community.
- Analyze the cultural, linguistic, and social dynamics of the Deaf community in South Africa.
- Evaluate research methodologies suitable for engaging with Deaf participants.
- Design a research plan that incorporates SASL and Deaf cultural considerations.
- Demonstrate effective communication strategies using SASL and visual aids in research settings.
- Implement data collection methods that respect Deaf community norms and values.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Researchers, academics, social workers, community development practitioners, and postgraduate students who intend to conduct research involving the SASL Deaf community in South Africa.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Introduction to South African Sign Language and Deaf Community Research

- Overview of South African Sign Language (SASL) and its status
- History and culture of the Deaf community in South Africa
- Introduction to Deafhood and Deaf epistemology
- Research ethics: informed consent, confidentiality, and community engagement
- The SAQA unit standard 115806 and its requirements
- Basic SASL greetings and cultural protocols

Day 2: Foundations of SASL Linguistics and Research Methods

- Phonology of SASL: handshapes, movements, locations, palm orientation, non-manual markers
- Morphology and syntax: classifiers, verb agreement, and sentence structure
- Qualitative methods: ethnographic observation, interviews, and focus groups
- Quantitative methods: surveys and experimental designs in sign language research
- Visual-spatial data collection techniques (video recording, annotation)
- SASL vocabulary for research: consent, interview, observation

Day 3: Community-Based Participatory Research and Engagement

- Principles of CBPR: co-learning, shared power, and mutual benefit
- Building relationships with Deaf community leaders and organisations
- Cultural humility and reflexivity in research
- Addressing language access and communication preferences
- Case studies of CBPR in Deaf communities
- SASL vocabulary for collaboration: partnership, feedback, empowerment

Day 4: Data Collection Tools and Technologies for SASL Research

- Video recording best practices: lighting, framing, consent
- Annotation tools: ELAN, iLex, and other software
- Designing interview questions for Deaf participants
- Using interpreters and co-researchers from the community
- Data management plans and confidentiality
- SASL vocabulary for technology: camera, record, file, data

Day 5: Analysing SASL Data: Linguistic and Thematic Approaches

- Linguistic annotation: glossing, tier systems, and transcription conventions
- Thematic analysis: coding, theme development, and interpretation
- Analysing non-manual markers: facial expressions, head movements, and gaze
- Discourse analysis: turn-taking, cohesion, and narrative structure
- Triangulation and member checking with Deaf participants
- SASL vocabulary for analysis: pattern, meaning, interpretation

Day 6: Disseminating Research Findings and Advocacy

- Accessible dissemination: SASL summaries, captioned videos, plain language reports
- Community feedback sessions and workshops
- Academic publishing: sign language journals and conferences
- Using research for advocacy: policy briefs, awareness campaigns
- Ethical considerations in sharing results

- SASL vocabulary for dissemination: share, present, publish

Day 7: Integration, Assessment, and Future Directions

- Group work: designing a mini-research project using CBPR
- Practical assessment: presenting a research plan in SASL
- Peer feedback and reflection
- Certification requirements and portfolio evidence for SAQA
- Networking and community resources
- Lifelong learning: conferences, online communities, advanced training

ASSESSMENT & CERTIFICATION

Delegates are assessed through exercises and a final test. A mark of **50% or above** earns an **AATICD Certificate of Completion**, issued digitally with a unique verification code. This course carries **10 NQF credits** at **NQF Level 6**.

PRICING (PER DELEGATE, EX-VAT)

Delegates	Training Method	Price per Delegate	Total
1	Online	R 31,000.00	R 31,000.00
1	In-House	R 40,400.00	R 40,400.00
1	On-Campus (Pretoria)	R 46,500.00	R 46,500.00

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Start	End	Method	Venue
31 Jul 2026	10 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Cape Town, South Africa
31 Jul 2026	10 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Accra, Ghana
03 Aug 2026	11 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Pretoria, South Africa
03 Aug 2026	11 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Lagos, Nigeria
04 Aug 2026	12 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Johannesburg, South Africa
05 Aug 2026	13 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Mauritius
06 Aug 2026	14 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Cape Town, South Africa
07 Aug 2026	17 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Dubai, UAE

Contact us if no suitable date is listed – on-demand sessions can be arranged for groups.

HOW TO GET A QUOTE OR APPLY

1. **Get an instant quotation online:** visit www.aaticd.co.za, open the page for this course (Unit Standard 115806) and click **Get A Quote / Apply**. Select your training method and number of delegates – your quotation is generated immediately and emailed to you with the course brochure attached.
2. **Apply by email:** send the course title, your preferred training method (Online, In-House or On-Campus Pretoria), the number of delegates and your preferred dates to apply@aaticd.co.za – our team will reply with a formal quotation.
3. **Apply by phone or WhatsApp:** call +27 12 004 8389 or WhatsApp +27 65 077 6310 and we will prepare your quotation and reserve your seats.
4. **Confirm your booking:** accept the quotation and settle the invoice. As soon as payment is confirmed your delegates are enrolled and receive their AATICD LMS login details by email, along with joining instructions for their chosen training method.

Group discounts apply automatically – the more delegates you enrol, the lower the price per delegate. No payment is required to request a quotation.

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