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COURSE BROCHURE

South African Sign Language Conversation Skills For Unfamiliar Topics Training

Communication Studies and Language / Language

Unit Standard 115813 · NQF Level 5 · 6 Credits · 3 Days

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course equips learners with the skills to engage in conversations about unfamiliar topics in South African Sign Language (SASL). It focuses on developing the ability to negotiate meaning, ask for clarification, and effectively communicate when encountering new or complex subjects, thereby enhancing inclusive communication in diverse settings.

Category	Communication Studies and Language
Subfield	Language
Unit Standard	115813
Accreditation	SAQA Accredited · NQF Level 5 · 6 Credits
Duration	3 days
Training Method	Online, On-Campus, In-House
Certificate	Issued via AATICD LMS — verifiable online

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Apply strategies to initiate and sustain conversations on unfamiliar topics in SASL.
- Analyze the context and use appropriate lexical and grammatical structures to convey meaning.
- Demonstrate the ability to request and provide clarification using SASL.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of communication and adjust signing strategies as needed.
- Implement techniques for negotiating meaning when encountering unknown signs or concepts.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- This course is designed for individuals who have a foundational knowledge of SASL and wish to improve their conversational fluency, particularly in professional or social contexts where unfamiliar topics arise.
- It is suitable for interpreters, educators, healthcare workers, and anyone interacting with the Deaf community.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Foundations of Signing Unfamiliar Concepts

- Overview of SASL morphology and syntax relevant to novel topics.
- Techniques for fingerspelling and creating new signs.
- Using classifiers and spatial grammar to describe unfamiliar objects.
- Strategies for clarifying meaning and requesting repetition.
- Role-play: Introducing an unfamiliar concept in a group.
- Peer feedback on clarity and effectiveness.

Day 2: Expanding Discourse on Unfamiliar Topics

- Structuring explanations: cause-effect, sequence, comparison.
- Incorporating non-manual signals (facial expression, head movement).
- Techniques for maintaining coherence in longer turns.
- Practice: Describing a complex procedure (e.g., how a car engine works).
- Q&A; sessions: Handling follow-up questions in SASL.
- Peer review of discourse cohesion.

Day 3: Integration and Real-World Application

- Simulated conversations: Job interview discussing new technology.
- Panel discussion: Debating a current event in SASL.
- Self-assessment and peer feedback on video-recorded interactions.
- Strategies for self-directed vocabulary building.
- Action plan: Resources for expanding SASL lexicon.
- Course wrap-up and certification criteria.

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 **6 NQF credits** at **NQF Level 5**.

PRICING (PER DELEGATE, EX-VAT)

Delegates	Training Method	Price per Delegate	Total
1	Online	R 13,900.00	**R 13,900.00**
1	In-House	R 18,700.00	**R 18,700.00**
1	On-Campus (Pretoria)	R 20,800.00	**R 20,800.00**

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Start	End	Method	Venue
02 Dec 2026	04 Dec 2026	On-Campus	Pretoria, South Africa
02 Dec 2026	04 Dec 2026	On-Campus	Kinshasa, DRC
07 Dec 2026	09 Dec 2026	On-Campus	Bangkok, Thailand
07 Dec 2026	09 Dec 2026	On-Campus	Blantyre, Malawi
07 Dec 2026	09 Dec 2026	On-Campus	Nairobi, Kenya
07 Dec 2026	09 Dec 2026	On-Campus	Kinshasa, DRC
07 Dec 2026	09 Dec 2026	On-Campus	Johannesburg, South Africa
07 Dec 2026	09 Dec 2026	On-Campus	Abu Dhabi, UAE

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

HOW TO GET A QUOTATION OR APPLY

1. **Get an instant quotation online:** visit www.aaticd.co.za, open the page for this course (Unit Standard 115813) and click **Get A Quotation**. 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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