Ascentis Level 1 Award

in

Understanding

Community Interpreting

Rule of Combination

Qualification Overview

The role of the community interpreter is becoming increasingly important, particularly in regions with many linguistic communities. The interpreter acts as a bridge between communities and enables people to access services and situations which would otherwise not be possible.

This qualification offers the opportunity for learners who are speakers of other languages to learn about the area of community interpreting. Learners may wish to study the subject as they have an interest in the topic or they may wish to use the qualification as a stepping stone to becoming a community interpreter.

The qualification offers the opportunity to learn about the language skills required when working in the community – giving an awareness of how language changes depending on the situation. There is also an opportunity to look at how public and voluntary service sectors work and their interaction with the community. The role of the interpreter is also explored and discussed.

The award consists of three mandatory units.

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

- It allows the learners to learn about the role of a community interpreter
- The learners can start to explore the public voluntary sectors and how they support community needs
- Unit certification is available for each of the units
- Verification and certification can be offered throughout the year, allowing maximum flexibility for centres

Aims

The aims of the qualification are to enable learners:

1   To learn how to use language skills to the best advantage
2   To learn about the sectors where interpreters may be required to work
3   To learn about the role of the community interpreter

Target Group

This qualification is aimed at a range of learners, including:

- Those who have an interest in working with different linguistic groups in the community
- Those who have an interest in learning about the role of an interpreter
- Those who wish to acquire further qualifications to enable them to work towards becoming a Community Interpreter

Regulation Codes

Ofqual Regulation Number: 600/6128/5

Assessment Method

All units are internally assessed through the learner building up a portfolio of evidence that covers the relevant assessment criteria. They are internally assessed and verified by the centre and then externally verified by Ascentis.

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Mandatory Units				
				Minimum credits: 6
Title	**Level**	**Credit Value**	**GLH**	**Unit ref**
English Language Awareness	1	1	10	M/504/1601
Communities and Organisations	1	2	20	A/504/1603
Role of the Community Interpreter	1	3	30	F/504/1604
Credits from equivalent units: Please contact the Ascentis office to request equivalences, and ask to speak to a member of the Qualifications Development Team.				
Credits from exemptions: Please contact the Ascentis office to request exemptions and ask to speak to a member of the Qualifications Development Team.				

Guided Learning Hours (GLH)

The recommended guided learning hours for this qualification is 60.

Total Qualification Time (TQT)

The total qualification time for this qualification is 60.

Age Range of Qualification

This qualification is suitable for learners over 16, but it is likely that most will be adults with life or work experience.

Contact & Further Information

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