

Course Information

Level 3 Certificate in Lipspeaking

Introduction into Lipspeaking

A lipspeaker is a hearing person who has been professionally trained to be easy to lipread. Lipspeakers reproduce clearly the shapes of the words and the natural rhythm and stress used by the speaker. They also use facial expression, gesture and, if requested, finger spelling, to aid the lipreader's understanding.

Training to become a Lipspeaker

The new course will be based on the new Lipspeaking Qualification developed from the National Occupational Standards (NOS) for Lipspeaking. Below are the 4 mandatory modules:

- Prepare for Lipspeaking Assignments
- Deliver Lipspeaking Services
- Develop your performance as a Lipspeaker
- Co-work with other Lipspeakers

Written and practical assessments.

The Course

The course will consist of 25 course attendance days.
In addition students are expected to carry out the following:

- Extensive lipspeaking practice at home using radio/DVD/CD
- Observation of lipreading classes
- Keeping up to date with current affairs.
- Where possible, shadowing and working with professional lipspeakers.

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Information/Selection Day

There will be an Information/Selection day on Saturday 3rd February 2018.

This will help you to:

- ❖ Find out more about the professional lipspeaker
- ❖ Learn more about the course
- ❖ Observe a lipspeaker
- ❖ Try some lipspeaking

Applicants will also be assessed on their suitability for the course. Successful candidates will be notified within 48hours following the Information/Selection Day.

A non-refundable fee of £50 will be charged for the Information/Selection Day. If the applicant is successful, this will be deducted from the cost of the course. The decision of the Selection Panel will be final.

Entry Qualifications

Academic Qualifications

Potential candidates should have or be developing their skills in English, mathematics and ICT at Level 2. In addition candidates will be assessed at interview for their suitability to perform the technical skills required for lipspeaking so that their message is clearly lipreadable. Candidates should also have good unaided hearing to perform accurate lipspeaking. Evidence of qualifications (i.e. original certificates) must be brought to the Information/Selection Day.

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Qualities and Attributes

The selectors will be looking for:

Good unaided hearing; good breath control; naturally clear speech with and without voice; a good memory; a good command of English; an expressive face; no facial jewelry; no visible facial hair such as a beard, moustache or designer stubble; no visible facial piercings or other distractions; no visible tattoos; clothes which do not distract.

A professional attitude with a practical and intelligent approach to solving problems.

Eligibility to work in the UK

Passports or other photographic ID must be brought to the selection day.

Course Fees

The fees for 2018-2019 Lipspeaking course will be £2150. There will also be a registration fee payable to Signature. Course fees can be paid by negotiation-please ask for details.