

NZSL Course Outline

New Zealand Sign Language - MySign

NZSL in Health – Part 1



Aims of course:

Beginners health related vocabulary and phrases to assist healthcare providers to make their practice and service more accessible for the Deaf community. This 3-day course is suitable for people who have never learnt NZSL in the past.

Learning outcomes:

By the end of this NZSL in Health Course, learners will:

Class One Initial Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• exchange greetings and make introductions• ask about family history of health (diabetes, heart problems, parents, siblings)• share information about:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ social history (smoking, alcohol, exercise)○ obstetric history (pregnancy, childbirth)○ surgical history (any past surgeries)• tell current medication• learn numbers 1 - 10
Class Two Body & Physical examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ask what current issues are including current symptoms (infection, flu, chest pain, vomiting, diarrhoea, coughing, fatigue, weight loss/gain, swelling, headache)• ask for clarification, correction and confirmation• tell simple body functions (breath, heartbeat, blood)• Deaf culture - understand about booking NZSL interpreters
Class Three Medication and Treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• tell about different tests (e.g. blood test and urine test)• tell simple medications (tablets, injections, liquid medicine)• learn time in NZSL (referring how long, days and months)• recount 0 – 10 and counting up to 20• learn other health related professions (physio, chemist, specialist, nurse, etc.)• Deaf culture – understand about cultural and medical views on Deaf people

Other information:

Communication online will be in NZSL only - please leave your voice at the door. This basic rule will help you develop skills in a visual language more quickly. This 3 weeks (3 hours) course does not replace the right of the Deaf person to have a qualified NZSL-English interpreter.

Enjoy the course!

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New Zealand Sign Language - MySign NZSL in Health - Part 2



Aims of course:

Beginners health related vocabulary and phrases to assist healthcare providers to make their practice and service more accessible for the Deaf community. This 3-day (3 hour) course is suitable for students who have participated NZSL for Health Professionals – Part 1 in the past or have basic knowledge of NZSL.

Learning outcomes:

By the end of this NZSL in Health Course, learners will:

Class One Medical Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• exchange greetings and ask about well-being• learn days of week/clock time and making an appointment• review numbers 1 – 20 and learn numbers 21 – 30• name common health problems and different kinds of falls, accidents• Deaf culture - responses to questions
Class Two Body functions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• describe basic functions of main body organs• explain briefly about discomfort and pain-related experience• learn numbers 31 - 40• learn about months (calendar signs)• Deaf culture - literacy levels and health knowledge
Class Three Scans and procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• describe and refer to common diagnostic tests and scans• discuss about plans for recovery (treatment, surgery, etc)• use of numbers for ranking• review time concept in NZSL and talk about simple booking appointment time• Deaf culture - how to work with an interpreter including informed consent

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New Zealand Sign Language - MySign NZSL in Health – Part 3



Aims of course:

Beginners health related vocabulary and phrases to assist healthcare providers to make their practice and service more accessible for the Deaf community. This 3-day course is suitable for people who have done NZSL in Health Part 1 and Part 2 in the past.

Learning outcomes:

By the end of this NZSL in Health – part 3 course, learners will:

Class One In Emergency Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• identify health related issues• name of things in emergency department• learn about actions in the emergency situation• make plans for the next step• Deaf culture – Text 111
Class Two Hospital Stay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• discuss about hospital stay• make a basic request and offer help• talk about hospital rules for visitors including families and friends• learn numbers 41 – 100• use of numbers for months• Deaf culture – understanding about auditory interruptions
Class Three Support Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• discuss about specialised services such as:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ stroke○ cancer○ mental health (addiction)○ midwife• Deaf culture – New Zealand Relay service

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