

NZSL Course Outline



New Zealand Sign Language - MySign NZSL for Water Safety

Aims of course:

Beginners water-safety related vocabulary and phrases to assist aquatic rescue team members and water-related activity leaders to make their service more accessible for the Deaf community. This 3-week course is suitable for people who have never learnt NZSL in the past.

Learning outcomes:

By the end of this NZSL for Water Safety Course, learners will:

<p>Class One</p> <p>Personal Information</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • exchange greetings and make introductions. • identify people at the water-related scene (man/woman, adult/child, lifeguard, life saver, ambulance, doctor, police). • ask for clarification, correction and confirmation. • name water-related environment (i.e. beach, pool, river, lake, sea/ocean, etc.). • learn the fingerspelling alphabet, spell their own name, and ask for repetition. • Deaf culture – Getting Deaf person’s attention in an emergency and their communication preferences.
<p>Class Two</p> <p>Water Safety</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the importance of effective communication in water safety. • Learn essential signs and phrases related to water safety, such as: swim, water, safety, slip, trip/fall, help, life jacket, danger, drown. • Understand basic signs about water safety procedures. • Learn about inflecting actions in the water (swim calmly, crazily, fast, etc.). • Practice water elements (wave, fast-flow, overflow, rip, etc.). • Deaf culture – Importance of facial expression in emergency situations.
<p>Class Three</p> <p>Water incident and rescue</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn signs related to 4 different environments: beach, pool, river/lake and sea/ocean. • Understand basic tips on how to provide support to a victim in water. • Learn numbers 1 – 10 and time in NZSL (referring how long, minutes and hours). • Discuss wellbeing and emotions (worried, lost, cold, injured, need help). • Deaf culture – Telecommunication for Deaf people in emergency situations.

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 (1 hour x3) course does not replace the right of the Deaf person to have a qualified NZSL-English interpreter.

