

Certificate course on Pakistan Sign Language

Theme: Reduce Inequalities: Bridging the Gaps, Bringing communities together

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Course Introduction

Sign language is a natural and visual form of the language that uses movements and expressions to convey meanings between/among people. It is known as a non-verbal language, which deaf persons exclusively count to connect with their social environment. It is based on visual cues through hands, eyes, face, mouth and body.

By keeping in view **SDG-4 “Quality Education”** and **SDG 10 “Reduce Inequalities”** this program will possess its uniqueness of coverage from school education to higher education and domestic to public places. According to the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics and national census 1998 (still considered authentic), community with hearing impairment is around 40% of the general disabled population. The aim to conduct this short course is to orientate and educate the community without disabilities around them, to understand the silent language of community with hearing impairment. The focused population for the training is, parents, siblings, professionals, teachers, UMT participants and general community members.

***Each unit of the course is itself very comprehensive in nature. This certificate course will definitely highlight a number of silent issues to initiate the planning for intervention. The depth of the course will be judged during its execution and future course/s will be planned according to the interest of the participants.

Importance of sign language

Studying PSL would promote and sensitize the community for addressing the social adjustment problems and creating the awareness for community building and rehabilitation. PSL will develop a strong appreciation for deaf culture and can project understanding acceptance of the language among others.

Objectives:

- To increase expressive and receptive skills for target language
- To identify the symbolic expressions to images so that the communication gap between persons with and without hearing impairment can easily bridge.

Course Outline: Pakistan Sign Language (PSL)

Unit 1: PSL (an overview)

History of Pakistan Sign Language
Basic PSL Hand shapes
Facial expressions and emotional compatibility

Unit 2: Urdu, English Alphabets and digits (Phonetic Awareness)

Double Hand Alphabets
Single Hand Alphabets
Urdu Alphabets
Numbers in PSL

Unit 3: Semantical Rules and Comprehension

Basic/Phrases
Question words (WH words)
Classroom (things)
Computer
General Knowledge
National Anthem

Unit 4: Syntax Rules and Social use of commercial

Adjective and Adverbs
Verbs, Pronouns
Tim, day, months (Routine activities, daily schedule)

Unit: 5: Higher Education (All necessary vocabulary which is the part of different courses at BS level and above)**Unit:6 Conduction of Counselling sessions and basic measures for health professional**

The protocols for the counselling of persons with hearing impairment
Common signs of different types of mental health issues
Basic history (medical, psychological) taking criteria in sign language

Courses Title: Pakistan Sign Language (An approach to theory to practical)**Evaluation**

Attendance	5%
Class Participation	10%
Activities	25%
Dialogues	20%
Picture Description (Story Telling)	15%
Viva	25%

Readings material:

- Sign Language higher education manual prepared under CIE UMT (in process of completion)
- Pakistan Sign Language (Deaf Reach)
- Pakistan Sign Language by NISE, Islamabad

Course Schedule

Date of commencement	Duration of course
August 8 nd 2023	6 Weeks (2 days per week)

Class Schedule: The classes will schedule for 2 days a week from 11:00noon to 2:00pm for the above mentioned duration (6weeks duration).

Venue: Class room

Fee structure

parents	Rs. 5000
professionals (teachers)	Rs. 8000
professionals (employers)	Rs. 8000
UMT participants	Rs. 5000
other universities' students	Rs. 8000
UMT employees	Rs. 3000