

CPD: Getting started with Makaton

Course overview

Makaton is based on signs used in British sign Language but it is not a formal sign language. Rather it is an easy way of communicating using signs, symbols and speech. Unlike BSL Makaton signs follow the same grammatical order as spoken English. Makaton is often used by and with people with communication needs or learning disabilities and by those friends, family, support staff and health care professionals.

This course is ideal for those who interact with people with communication needs and very helpful for learners on Childcare, Health and Social Care and Teaching Assistant courses.

What will I study?

You will:

- Discuss how to use Makaton effectively
- Identify and use signs from the core vocabulary
- Be able to communicate simple concepts using Makaton

Assessment method

You will participate in practical activities, discussions and Q&A sessions and receive verbal feedback from the tutor throughout the workshop.

Entry requirements

You may be on one of our qualifications courses or have a serious interest in the subject.
You will need a solid understanding of English.

What should I bring with me?

You will need to provide your chosen method of note-taking such as notepad & pen or tablet.

Key information

Possible next steps

During this course, you will be given advice and guidance on other suitable CPD, Wellbeing courses or wider courses. You may also wish to progress on achieve Makaton Level 1.

Contact us

Our friendly staff can give you further advice and support.



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