

# Ascentis **Level 2 Certificate**

in

Preparing for the

Community Interpreting Role

Overview Specification



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# Qualification Overview

The role of the community interpreter is becoming increasingly important, particularly in regions with many minority linguistic communities. The community interpreter acts as a bridge between these communities and the public services, enabling people to access services and situations which would otherwise not be possible.

This qualification enables learners who are speakers of other languages to develop the language and skills necessary to go on and train as community interpreters at Level 3 and higher levels.

As with the Level 1 Award in Understanding Community Interpreting, this qualification is not a training course to become an interpreter. Those wishing to carry out paid work are advised to undertake training at level 3 or higher.

There are several features of this qualification that make it very appropriate for its target learners:

- It allows the learners to understand how to go about getting voluntary bilingual work and supports them in optional voluntary placements enabling them to gain experience prior to undertaking higher level study in community interpreting
- The learners will look more closely at some of the aspects of language and other skills which they will need to be successful on community interpreting training schemes
- Learners will develop personal skills such as assertiveness and listening skills which will support their future study and work as community interpreters
- There will be an opportunity to further develop awareness and knowledge about public services in the UK
- Unit certification is available for each of the units
- Verification and certification can be offered throughout the year, allowing maximum flexibility for centres

## Aims

The aims of the qualification are to enable learners:

- 1 To develop public service awareness and knowledge
- 2 To develop language skills in preparation for training as community interpreters
- 3 To develop listening and assertiveness skills in preparation for further community interpreting study and work
- 4 To develop volunteering experience in the community

## Target Group

This qualification is aimed at a range of learners, including:

- Those who wish to train in the future to become community interpreters. It is not necessary for learners to have completed the Level 1 Award in Understanding Community Interpreting, but this could be a progression route for those who have. It is particularly suited to those who need to develop their language skills and their public service knowledge
- Those who already have some voluntary interpreting experience in the community, or would like to gain some further training in community interpreting
- Those who wish to gain further qualifications to enable them to work towards becoming a community interpreter

## Regulation Codes

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## Assessment Method

All units are internally assessed through the learner building up a portfolio of evidence that covers the relevant assessment criteria. They are internally assessed and verified by the centre and then externally verified by Ascentis. In addition learners may obtain a placement as a bilingual volunteer with a relevant organisation. This will provide invaluable experience for undertaking the Level 3 Community Interpreting qualification.

# Rule of Combination

To achieve the Certificate, learners must achieve a total of 13 credits. There is 1 optional unit and 4 mandatory units.

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Minimum credits: 13 Maximum credits: 16 Minimum credit value at level of qualification or above: 13				
Mandatory Units				
Credit from Mandatory Units: 13				
Title	Level	Credit Value	GLH	Unit ref
Introduction to Working as a Bilingual Volunteer	2	3	30	Y/507/2650
English Language for Community Interpreters	2	4	40	H/507/2652
Understanding Public Services in the UK	2	3	30	K/507/2653
Assertiveness and Listening Skills for Community Interpreters	2	3	30	Y/507/2654
Optional Unit				
Practical Elements of Working as a Bilingual Volunteer	2	3	30	D/507/2651
<b>Credits from equivalent units:</b> Please contact the Ascentis office to request equivalences, and ask to speak to a member of the Qualifications Development Team.				
<b>Credits from exemptions:</b> Please contact the Ascentis office to request exemptions and ask to speak to a member of the Qualifications Development Team.				

## Guided Learning Hours (GLH)

The recommended guided learning hours for this qualification is 130–160.

## Total Qualification Time (TQT)

The total qualification time for this qualification is 130–160.

## Age Range of Qualification

This qualification is suitable for young people aged 16–19, but it is likely that most learners will be adults with life or work experience.

# Contact & Further Information

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