

Manchester Centre for Deaf Studies

Teaching Lipreading (Speechreading) to Adults Training Course

What are the aims of the course?

The aim of this course is to provide, through a blended learning experience, a broad and thorough grounding in the knowledge, skills, understanding and attitudes required to teach and help deaf adults who need or wish to use speech to make the most of communication.

Successful completion of the course enables students to teach lipreading, communicate effectively with people with a hearing impairment, make effective referrals to other people and organisations, and provide the information and support needed by many people with a hearing impairment.

The course qualifies successful students to set up and teach lipreading classes. These may be held in, for example, colleges and centres of adult and further education, hospitals, day centres, homes for people who are elderly, and clubs for people who are hard of hearing.

What will I study?

Students attend for 8 block weeks in Manchester. Time in between the block weeks is spent both observing and carrying out teaching practice in lipreading classes in your area (where possible). Attendance at lipreading classes is arranged by Manchester Centre for Deaf Studies.

Students will also use the time between the block weeks to complete their coursework.

The course comprises the following areas:

Teaching speechreading and other communication skills

This includes: assessing the needs of deaf people, writing and adapting teaching materials, understanding the factors involved in understanding spoken conversation, lesson planning, schemes of work and methods of recording progress in the lipreading class.

Communication for teachers in speechreading classes

This includes: the strategies, skills, understanding, attitudes and commitment required for effective communication with people with a hearing impairment who use speech.

Practical and psychological implications of deafness

This includes: the practical and psychological effects of hearing impairment and also their relationship with the teaching of lipreading.

Audiology, support and information

This includes: the ear, types and causes of deafness, hearing aids, rehabilitation and therapies, environmental aids, statutory and voluntary organisations and providing other useful information.

Professional development for speechreading teachers

This includes: self-evaluation, action-planning, writing a CV and the practicalities of setting up lipreading classes.

Award in Education and Training (AET) (formerly PTLLS)

If you do not already have an adult education qualification you will also be able to undertake the Award in Education and Training qualification which is required by some education providers.

This will be **in addition** to the 8 weeks Teaching Lipreading (Speechreading) to Adults Training course.

How will I be taught?

Students will be working at Level 4 (first year undergraduate level). The course is taught by means of interactive lectures, seminars, workshops, tutorials and practical work including microteaching, supervised teaching and communication practice and observations in lipreading classes. Depending on where you live it is usually possible to undertake supervised teaching practice and observations in your own area.

The course is taught by tutors from the Manchester Centre for Deaf Studies as well as outside specialists and professionals. Most of our own tutors and visiting speakers are hearing impaired.

How will I be assessed?

Students' progress will be assessed using a variety of methods.

What are the entry requirements?

Applicants are normally expected to have 5 GCSE/GCEs or equivalent (including English) and 2 A-levels or equivalent.

Sometimes a mature student may be accepted onto the course without the minimum entrance requirements, but they will be expected to show that they are capable of fulfilling the academic and practical demands of the course.

Admission to the course will be by interview. Candidates will be expected to be able to express themselves competently in written and spoken English.

Candidates must have the ability to speak clearly and be lipreadable. Candidates must also have a genuinely warm and caring approach and wish to help people with a hearing impairment communicate more effectively. It is important that course members enjoy working with those who are hearing impaired and conversing with them so that they are fully understood because so many hearing impaired people have suffered by being excluded from conversation.

Candidates are expected to have basic computing skills or be prepared to work towards gaining these skills (e.g. basic word-processing, using email, using the internet for research, etc).

Consideration is given within the selection process to the applicant's relevant work or voluntary experience, for example, with people who are hearing impaired, or in a caring role.

Can people with hearing impairment apply?

Applications are welcomed from people with a hearing impairment regardless of the severity of their impairment. A loop system is normally used throughout the course and all speakers are requested to use clear speech. Extensive handouts are provided and a note-taker is normally used.

Tuition fees

The full tuition fees for 2017-2018 are:

- **Either** £1,950 for the Teaching Lipreading (Speechreading) to Adults training course (This is for people who already hold a recognised teaching qualification.)
- **Or** £2,300 for the Teaching Lipreading (Speechreading) to Adults training course plus the Award in Education and Training (AET) (This is for people who do not already have a recognised teaching qualification.)

Financial support:

The following are available:

- Generous tuition fee grants
- Interest free loans and payment by instalments
- The Trustees' Tuition Fee Special Bursary

Other sources of support: Some students may also be able to get help with funding from employers, charities and other grant-giving organisations.

How to apply for the course:

Please send your completed application form by post or by email:

Postal address:

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Manchester Centre for Deaf Studies
PO Box 319
Manchester
M21 3DG

Email: enquiries@manchesterdeafstudies.org

Tel: 0161 832 0444

Mobile: 07707 696 539 (SMS or Text only)

The course is based at: Mauldeth House, (entrance on Nell Lane), Mauldeth Road West Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester, M21 7RL