

## Level 2 qualification

This course in public service interpreting provides foundational skills and knowledge for community interpreting roles, including language awareness, listening skills, and volunteering experience. It focuses on developing the skills necessary for working in community settings, but not the more specialized areas like legal interpreting.

Key aspects of a Level 2 qualification:

- **Focus on Community Interpreting:**

This qualification prepares individuals for working in community settings, where they will facilitate communication between individuals who speak different languages.

📄 📄 **Language Skills:**

Candidates develop their language skills in preparation for interpreting roles, including listening and understanding spoken language.

📄 📄 **Public Service Awareness:**

The qualification aims to develop an understanding of public service settings and the needs of diverse communities.

📄 📄 **Listening and Assertiveness:**

Participants learn to actively listen to and understand the messages of others, and to assert their communication needs in interpreting situations.

📄 📄 **Volunteering Experience:**

The qualification may include opportunities for gaining practical experience through volunteering in the community.

📄 📄 **Not a Specialist Qualification:**

Level 2 qualifications typically do not cover the specific skills and knowledge required for specialized interpreting roles like legal interpreting, where interpreting in court settings may be necessary.

📄 📄 **Foundation for Further Study:**

A Level 2 qualification can serve as a foundation for further studies and training in public service interpreting, such as a Level 6 Diploma in Public Service Interpreting (DPSI).

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Example Level 2 Qualification:

- **Level 2 Certificate in Preparing for the Community Interpreting Role:** This qualification from Ascentis aims to develop public service awareness, language skills, listening and assertiveness skills, and volunteering experience, as mentioned in a specification summary

Independent Technical Review of Qualifications and Experience Requirements for the Provision of Spoken Language Interpreting; click here for more information. “The level 2 qualification specification states explicitly that “this is not a training course to become an interpreter” and that “those undertaking paid assignments in future will be expected to have achieved as a minimum the Level 3 Certificate in Community Interpreting”

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/independent-technical-review-of-qualifications-and-experience-requirements-for-the-provision-of-spoken-language-interpreting/independent-technical-review-of-qualifications-and-experience-requirements-for-the-provision-of-spoken-language-interpreting#qualifications-experience-and-rare-languages>

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