

Keyword Signing for Early Years

Applying for this course:

To apply for this course, you should have completed compulsory schooling up to 65 years of age. In case of any difficulties regarding the entry requirements kindly contact us on ga.jobsplus@gov.mt.

Course Duration

This course is of 9 hours duration (including 3 hours assessment) and consists of one Module.

General pedagogical guidelines and procedures for this course:

The delivery of this Course will be mainly held through a series of classroom discussion. The trainer will also be holding lessons with the learners which will consist of various hands-on examples and demonstrations.

This course can also be delivered online. In such cases, the learner is required to have a working camera and a working microphone.

General assessment policy and procedures for this course:

The Learner will be assessed through a practical demonstration which is to be carried out at the end of the course. Furthermore, throughout the course, the learners will need to write a short reflection on how each learner intends to incorporate keyword signing in their daily practice.

Module 1 Learning Outcomes- Keyword Signing for Early Years

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Define keyword signing and explain its importance in early childhood education.✓ Differentiate between keyword signing and full sign language.✓ Demonstrate key signs for commonly used words and phrases in early childhood settings (e.g., greetings, emotions, requests).✓ Use keyword signing to support children with communication difficulties and enhance inclusive communication. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Demonstrate how keyword signing can be embedded into storytelling, songs, and daily activities.✓ Adapt activities to cater to diverse language needs for early years (including within a childcare setting).✓ Recognize the benefits of keyword signing for all children, including those with speech and language delays.✓ Encourage families and colleagues to use basic signs for consistency. |
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Module Assessment:

The Learner will be assessed through a practical demonstration which is to be carried out at the end of the course. Furthermore, throughout the course, the learners will need to write a short reflection on how each learner intends to incorporate keyword signing in their daily practice.

Weighting of the practical demonstration is 100%, and the pass mark is 45%.