

Level 2 Certificate in Deafblind Support Work

Aims

To enable candidates to understand:

- The incidence of deafblindness;
- Types and causes of deafblindness and their effect on the individual;
- The range of communication modes appropriate for communication with deafblind people;
- The importance of Language Service Professionals and assistive devices used by deafblind people.

Duration: 2 ½ days plus 8 hours on assignments

Cost: £250

Examination fee: £38

Awarding body: CACDP

Assessor: DBS accredited tutor/assessor

Dates: To be agreed

To enable candidates to acquire:

- Basic practical skills in communicating with deafblind people;
- Basic practical skills in guiding deafblind people.

Objectives/Learning Outcomes

On completion of this course candidates will

- Have a basic understanding of deafblindness and of communication with people with a dual sensory loss;
- Have basic skills in communicating with deafblind people;
- Have basic skills for guiding deafblind people.

Assessment

There are 2 separately assessed components:

- Deafblind Awareness written examination worth 50% overall mark;
- Practical skills assessment, worth 50% of overall mark.

Practical skills are internally assessed, and the written paper is externally marked by CACDP examiners.

While it is possible to achieve the CACDP Level 1 Certificate in Deafblind Awareness by only completing this component of the assessment, it is not possible to gain certification for the practical component on its own.

Course facilitators will include deafblind people

Appropriate for

All staff in social work and social care staff in field, day care, home care and residential settings. Staff wishing to progress to communication and guiding skills level 3 course. This course acknowledges that the largest single group of deafblind people are elderly, most of whom rely on residual sight and hearing.