



English as a Second Language 12 Weeks Blended Learning Programme

Development Programme for Health Care Professionals

Description

This programme is designed for second language English speakers who are working in health care services whose employers wish to progress their communication skills in English. The programme is delivered using one of the most up to date training methods available known as blended learning i.e. an online language learning programme blended with intensive classroom study.

Outcomes

Graduates of this course will:

- Have mastery in terminology specific to their profession
- Have confidence in their articulation of the English language
- Have the competency to work in an English speaking Health Care Organisation
- Have an understanding of their clients and adapt the use of their language accordingly
- Have the professional language competency necessary for their career development
- Have achieved an internationally recognised language standard, the Cambridge BULATS (Business Language Testing Service)

**N.B: The BULATS examination provides employers with a benchmark with which they can effectively and efficiently assess the language level of their employees.*

Structure

The programme takes place over twelve weeks. Participants meet with their tutor in their first week and are given an orientation to the programme. They work with their tutor to define their language goals which enables the tutor to set a specific learning path for each participant.

Using state of the art online language learning technology, participants follow a learning path which will rapidly progress their language ability. They are also provided with learning resources tailored to their individual needs on a weekly basis. All work done online is tracked and supported by their tutor who is in email correspondence throughout the course. Classrooms take place at the beginning and end of their programme.



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Methodology

Blended language training is the future of language learning, combining highly effective and flexible online training with focused and adaptive classroom training to provide accelerated and successful language acquisition.

Programme Content

Professional English: The online language programme provides a complete language training for participants with a focus on professional terminology and expressions.

Specialised language development: A specific training path for each participant is established with their tutor, addressing the language topics necessary for his or her professional requirements or interests.

Pronunciation Exercises: This training method allows participants to independently work on their pronunciation skills with state of the art voice recognition technology.

Tracking from Tutor: Tutors track their participants online work and therefore see exactly how they are doing and take action around the areas of difficulty for their participant.

Language and Culture: Participant look at the language they use with their clients and examine its appropriacy.

Medical English: Participants will be given an overview of the everyday language of Hospitals and Health Care Institutions while developing language specific for their profession in depth.

Examination Preparation: Participants will be introduced to the structure and requirements for the Cambridge BULATS test and preparations will be made with their tutor in order for them to achieve their best.

Requirements:

To participant on this programme, each candidate must have a good working knowledge of English. It is also important that they have high quality internet access (use of Internet Explorer) Resources will be provided by the tutor online and in the classroom.