The Deaf Society runs courses in Auslan and LLN. Our teachers for the Auslan courses are almost all deaf people who are fluent in Auslan, but getting access to TAE training is harder when one is deaf.

The program was delivered entirely in AUSLAN, the students’ first language. This made the training fully accessible and meant that everyone could participate comfortably in discussions.

We used CSO funding to provide core skills in reading and writing to support the TAE learning process.

We worked with The Parramatta College to unpack the TAE40110 qualification and ensure everything was written in plain English.

TAE courses are delivered in spoken spoken English, and interpreters are not always provided. We had a number of deaf students who wanted to complete their TAE40110 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment, and came up with a novel solution.

The TAE course ran one day per week for nine months. Additional weekend workshops allowed the students to work on their assessment tasks and provided LLN support mapped to CGEA units.

Many of the students were casual tutors or employees of the Deaf Society, so the program provided a great opportunity for professional development and enabled further employment opportunities within the Deaf Society as well as with TAFE and other teaching organisations.

We have 25 people lined up for the next course due to start in July 2016.

“I found the course absolutely 100% worthwhile, it was interesting but most of all the course was very well structured. The support from the teachers was amazing! The most valuable part I found that it was taught in Auslan directly and this is my first language. This was of great benefit as I found that I was guided all the way through with full support. I was able to communicate directly to my teachers anytime. Not only the teachers used Auslan but all the students as well. I would definitely recommend this course to anyone who uses Auslan.”

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Program
Part qualification Cert I in CGEA
Core units Reading and Writing

Target Group
Disability

Details
1 day per week in support of TAE40110

Key points of difference
Delivered in AUSLAN, LLN learning integrated with VET learning

This training is subsidised by the NSW Government.