

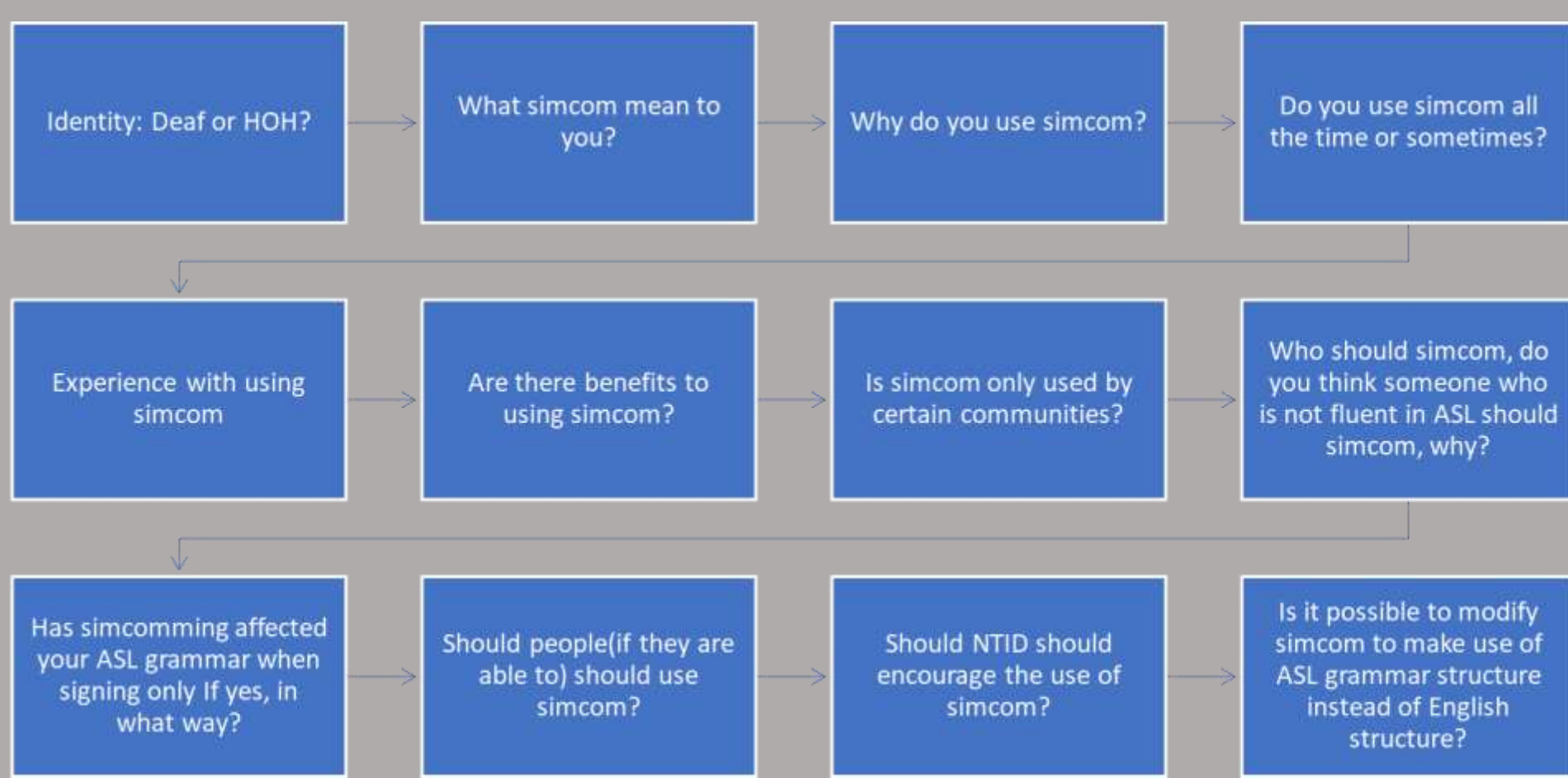
Use of Simultaneous Communication

Definition of Key Term

Simultaneous Communication (SimCom) is a technique sometimes used by deaf, hard-of-hearing (HOH) or hearing sign language users in which both a spoken language and a manual variant of that language (such as English and manually coded English) are used simultaneously.

It's commonly used among hearing signers with other hearing listeners in front of Deaf people so that Deaf persons can be involved in the conversations.

Looking for Answers: Simcom Users



Background

Why?

Passion for language (American Sign Language) and Deaf culture (American Deaf Culture).

Post Graduation Plans

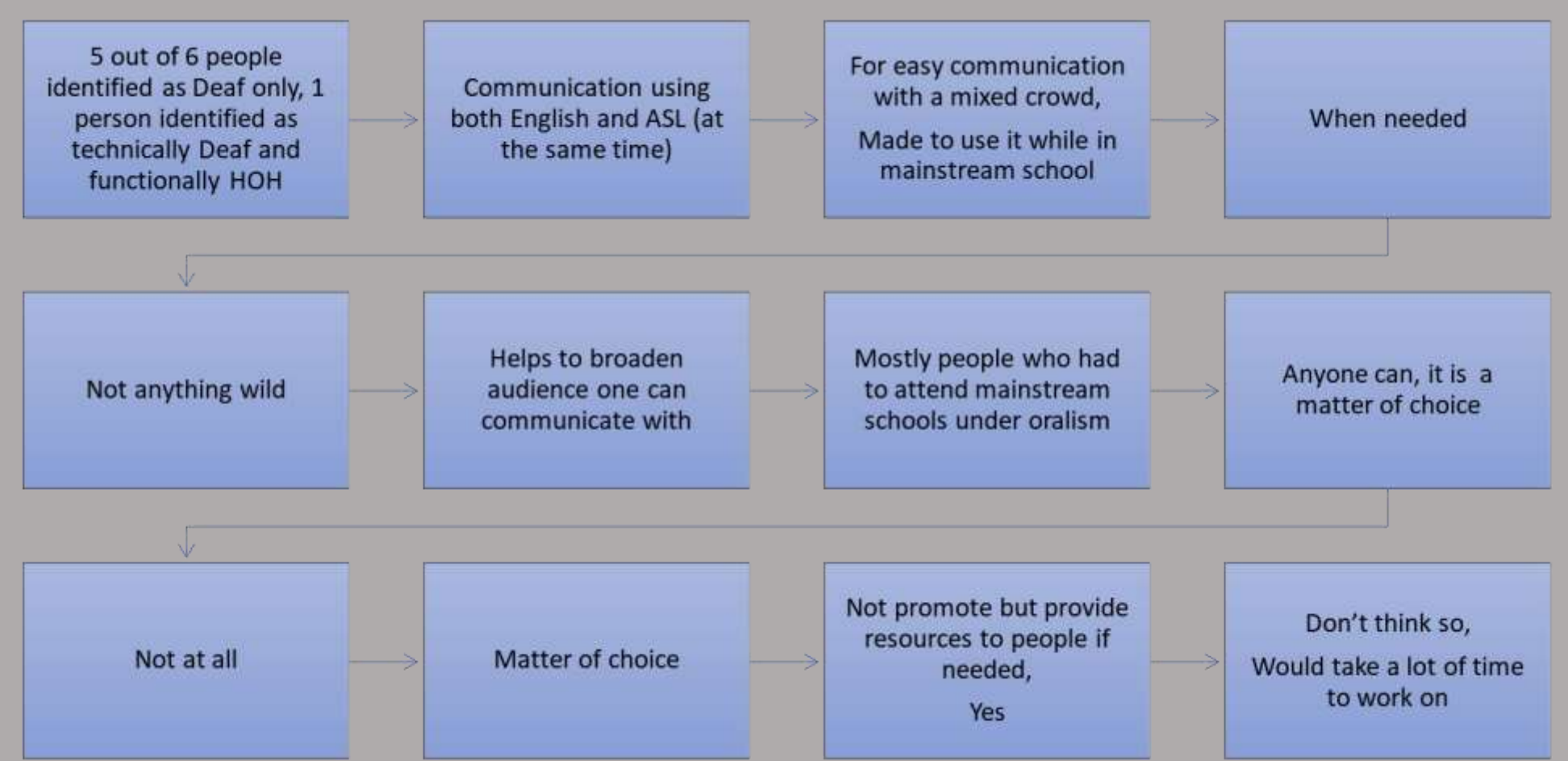
Solution?

Learn Simcom and make it my sole form of communication.

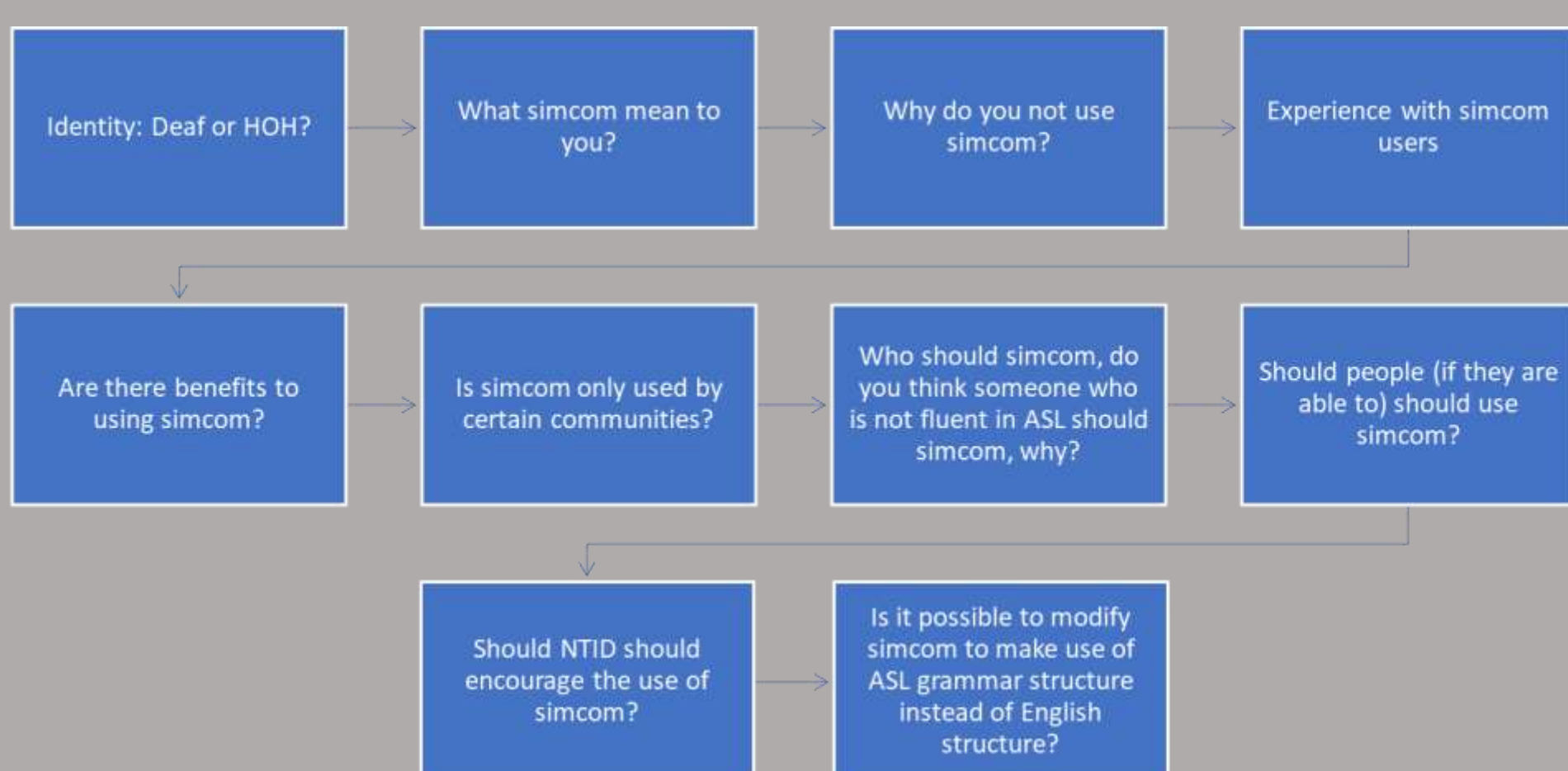
How?

Getting help from a previous professor in NTID. Meeting with simcom users to conduct interviews.

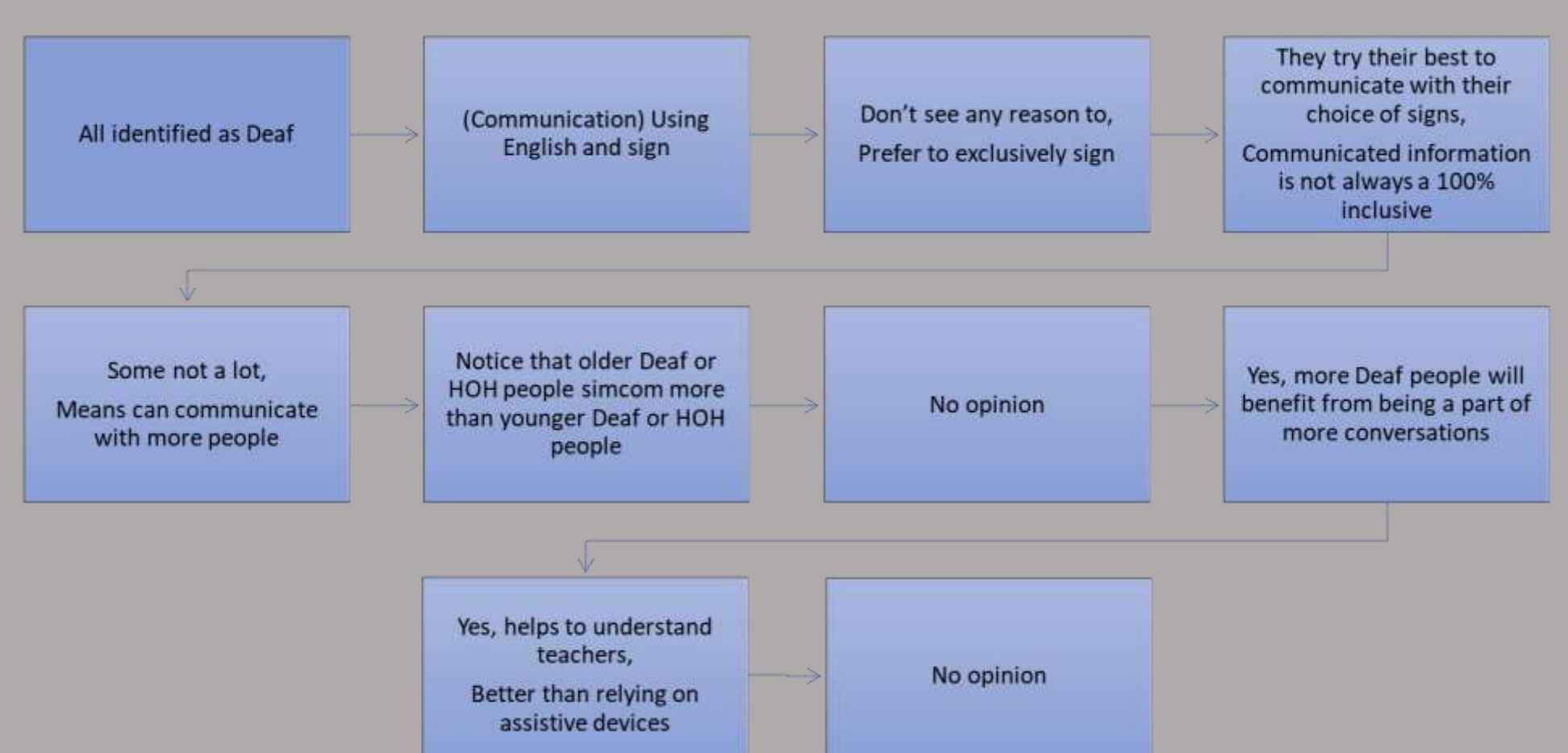
Answers



Looking for Answers: Non-Simcom Users



Answers



Realizations

Simcom is not totally inclusive.
 Simcom would not be beneficial to me in the long run.
 Simcom is not the most respectful approach to ASL.
 Simcom is not accepted by all in the Deaf community as a solution to communication.
 Using simcom as a hearing sign language student/user is not a good look for me.

Conclusion

Initial Proposed Solution

Learn Simcom and make it my sole form of communication.

Adopted Solution

Only inner dialogue will be simcommed. I will focus on becoming fluent in ASL.