

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

The Associate in Arts in American Sign Language is designed for students who want to acquire advanced expressive and receptive signing skills, as well as develop a greater awareness of the Deaf community and Deaf culture. The emphasis is on paraprofessional vocations and preparation for continued study in the subject. Upon completion, students may wish to transfer to an Interpreter Certification, American Sign Language, or Deaf Studies program or a four year university to continue their studies.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate conversational fluency. Students will be able to engage in rich dialogue exchanges and share advanced narratives and complex concepts using ASL.
- Comprehend and use grammar structures and conventions as they apply to dialogue exchanges.
- Demonstrate an understanding of Deaf culture, cultural behaviors, values and norms; clearly explain cultural tenets and interact comfortably and appropriately with Deaf people and the cultural community in a wide range of settings, from personal to professional.
- Demonstrate an understanding of Deaf history, and the significant accomplishments and shifts over time related to the cultural community, medical, technology and education domains.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Case Worker
 Child Care Worker
 Communication Disorders Aide
 Early Childhood Education Intervention Aide
 Educational Classroom Aide
 +Educational Counselor
 *Interpreter
 Preschool Aide
 +Program Coordinator
 +Rehabilitation Counselor
 +Social Work
 Social Work Aide
 Special Education Classroom Aide
 +Teacher
 +Bachelor degree or higher required
 *Certification required

Associate in Arts Degree Requirements:

Course	Title	Units
ASL 120	American Sign Language I	4
ASL 121	American Sign Language II	4
ASL 130	American Sign Language: Fingerspelling	3
ASL 140	Inside Deaf Culture	3
ASL 220	American Sign Language III	4
ASL 221	American Sign Language IV	4
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Select one unit from the following:

ASL 125	American Sign Language with Infants and Toddlers	1
ASL 126	American Sign Language with School Age Children	1
		<u>1</u>

Total Required 23
 Plus General Education Requirements

Certificate of Achievement

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Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this certificate, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate the acquisition of expressive skills by translating and performing a five-minute song or story in American Sign Language.
- Demonstrate the acquisition of receptive skills by answering comprehension questions based on a three minute signed presentation with 80 percent accuracy.
- Compare and contrast American Deaf cultural traditions with American hearing cultural traditions.
- Describe the evolution of medical technology in the Deaf community.
- Demonstrate the use of current communication technology as used by the Deaf Community, e.g., videophones.

Certificate Requirements:

Course	Title	Units
ASL 120	American Sign Language I	4
ASL 121	American Sign Language II	4
ASL 220	American Sign Language III	4
ASL 221	American Sign Language IV	4
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Select five to six units from the following:

ASL 125	American Sign Language with Infants and Toddlers	1
ASL 126	American Sign Language with School Age Children	1
ASL 130	American Sign Language: Fingerspelling	3
ASL 140	Inside Deaf Culture	3
		<u>5-6</u>
	Total Required	21-22

Certificate of Achievement

Students who complete the requirements above qualify for a Certificate in American Sign Language. An official request must be filed with the Admissions and Records Office prior to the deadline as stated in the Academic Calendar.