

Certificate

Program Description:

This program is designed to give students a foundation in American Sign Language (ASL) and to acquaint them with basic issues of concern to the Deaf community. Furthermore, the program offers an opportunity to individuals already working in the Deaf community to increase their understanding of ASL and Deaf culture in order to strengthen their knowledge and their communication skills.

Upon completion of the One-Year Certificate Program in Deaf Studies, the graduate will be able to:

- effectively communicate with Deaf persons in informal settings in teaching, human services, or health care;
- enhance their credentials for employment opportunities which do not require interpreter certification but do assign value to skills in ASL and knowledge of Deaf culture;
- earn the academic qualifications for entry into advanced studies at universities offering sign language programs;

Employment Opportunities:

- Seek employment with an early intervention program that serves Deaf and Hard of Hearing children.
- A background in ASL and Deaf Studies will be useful in absolutely any field of employment.

Salary Forecast:

Salaried interpreters and translators had median hourly earnings of \$17.10 in May 2006. The middle 50 percent earned between \$12.94 and \$22.60. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$9.88, and the highest 10 percent earned more than \$30.91.

(U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2009)

Additional Information:

Other individuals that can benefit from this program are parents of DHH children and young hearing children, early childhood teachers and child care providers, teachers, paraprofessionals, speech/language pathologists, counselors, interpreters, and medical professionals.

Major Code – CA60

FIRST YEAR	
<p>First Semester</p> ASL 101 American Sign Language I3 ASL 105 American Deaf Community.....3 ASL 220 Resources for the Deaf Community3 COL 101 New Student Seminar - CTC1 ENL 111 Written Communication I3 IT 101 Fundamentals of Computers3 TOTAL CREDITS16	<p>Second Semester</p> ASL 102 American Sign Language II ¹ 3 ASL 103 ASL Fingerspelling..... 3 ASL 110 American Deaf Culture 3 ASL 205 American Deaf Community History ² 3 ASL 210 Deaf People in American History ³3 TOTAL CREDITS 15
HOURS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION: 31	

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1. ASL 102 has a prerequisite of ASL 101.

2. ASL 205 has a prerequisite of ASL 105.

3. ASL 210 has prerequisites of ASL 105, ASL 110 and ASL 205 – but can be taken with ASL 110 and ASL 205.