

Deaf Studies, CAS

Academic Year 2026-2027

Program Description:

This certificate 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.

Salary Forecast:

For the most current salary information please refer to the Bureau of Labor Statistics “Occupational Outlook Handbook” found at www.bls.gov/ooh/.

Employment Opportunities:

- Enter an Interpreter Training Program, after which they may sit for certification examination, sponsored by the national licensing organization.
- Seek employment with programs that serve Deaf and Hard of Hearing children.
- A background in ASL and Deaf Studies will be useful in absolutely and field of employment.

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, teacher, paraprofessionals, speech/language pathologists, counselors, interpreters, and medical professionals.

Gainful Employment Information can be found at: <http://www.mctc.edu/academics/gainful-employment/>

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Deaf Studies – Major Code CA60	
Name:	ID Number 942-
Educational Counselor:	
Faculty Advisor:	

COURSE	REQUIREMENTS	SEM	HRS	GR	SUBSTITUTE/REPEAT CRS	SEM	CR
ASL 101	American Sign Language	F	3				
ASL 101L	ASL Lab I	F	1				
ASL 105	American Deaf Community and Culture	F	3				
ASL 111	Visual and Gestural Communication	F	3				
ASL 115	Deaf and ASL Art and Literature	F	3				
ENL 101	Written Communication ¹		3				
			16				
ASL 102	American Sign Language II ³	S	3				
ASL 102L	ASL Lab II	S	1				
ASL 103	Fingerspelling	S	3				
ASL 215	Visual Music ASL ⁴	S	2				
COM 112 Or COM 125	Oral Communication Or Interpersonal Communication		3				
MAT 120	Applied Professional Math ²		3				
			15				
HOURS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION: 31							

¹ ENL 101 has a prerequisite of ACT 18, SAT 480+, Accuplacer 250-300 or placed in ENL 101E. Students must complete ENL 101 or ENL 101E with a "C" or better to graduate.

² MAT 120 has a prerequisite of a minimum ACT Math score of 19, SAT Math score of 510, or Accuplacer 250.

³ ASL 102 has a prerequisite of ASL 101 and 101L.

⁴ ASL 215 has a prerequisite of ASL 101.