

Degree Description

This certificate is designed for students with an interest in learning about deafness for either personal or professional reasons. These courses will answer questions about persons who are deaf/hard-of-hearing and the deaf community, while leading to employment in such areas as residential aide or job coach in educational and rehabilitation settings.

Marketable Skills

1. Demonstrate ability to handle basic communication in American Sign Language.
2. Acquire an awareness and understanding of Deaf Culture.

Semester I	Hours
SGNL 1401 Beginning ASL I	4 hours
SLNG 1211 Fingerspelling and Numbering	2 hours
SLNG 1215 Visual/Gestural Communication	2 hours
SGNL 1402 Beginning ASL II	4 hours
SLNG 1347 Deaf Culture	3 hours
	15 hours

Total hours: 15 hours

Course Descriptions

SGNL 1401 Beginning ASL I

Introduction to American Sign Language (ASL) covering finger spelling, vocabulary, and basic sentence structure in preparing individuals to interpret oral speech for the hearing impaired. Semester Hours 4 (3 lec/2 lab)

SLNG 1211 Fingerspelling and Numbering

Development of expressive and receptive skills in fingerspelling and numbers. Receptive skills focus on whole word phrase recognition and fingerspelling/number comprehension in context. Expressive skills focus on the development of speed, clarity, and fluency. Prerequisite: SGNL 1401 Beginning ASL I with a grade of C or better or consent of program director. Semester Hours 2 (1 lec/2 lab)

SLNG 1215 Visual/Gestural Communication

Development of skills in non-verbal communications. Emphasizes the use and understanding of facial expression, gestures, pantomime and body language. Prerequisite: SGNL 2301 with at least a C or consent of instructor. Semester hours 2 (2 lec/1 lab)

SGNL 1402 Beginning ASL II

Introduction to American Sign Language (ASL) covering fingerspelling, vocabulary, and basic sentence structure in preparing individuals to interpret oral speech for the hearing impaired. This course is the Capstone course for the Studies in Deafness Certificate. Prerequisite: SGNL 1401 Beginning ASL I with a grade of C, or consent of the Program Director. Semester Hours 4 (3 lec/2 lab)

SLNG 1347 Deaf Culture

Historical and contemporary perspective of American deaf culture using a sociocultural model. Includes cultural identity and awareness, values, group norms, communication, language, and significant contributions made by deaf people to the world. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)
