

# Cert: American Sign Language

2014 - 2015

The purpose of the American Sign Language (ASL) Certificate is to provide training for students who wish to learn basic American Sign Language and understand Deaf Culture. This certificate is appropriate for students who are planning to enter or are currently employed in all areas of customer relations. Students who complete this certificate will be in a position to use basic communication with colleagues or customers who are ASL users. This program will not prepare students to become interpreters.

Upon completion of this program, a student will be able to communicate with Deaf and Hard of hearing people on a basic level in American Sign Language, including the use of fingerspelling numbers, signs and grammar structures. Students who earn this certificate may choose to continue their studies in an Interpreting Program for ASL.

## Program Courses

Course No.	Course Title	Credits	Goal Area	Comments/Substitution
ASL1101	American Sign Language I	4		
ASL1102	American Sign Language II	4		
ASL1300	Deaf Culture	3		
ASL1400	Fingerspelling and Numbers	3		
ASL2201	Intermediate American Sign Language I	4		
ASL2202	Intermediate American Sign Language II	4		

## NHCC Residency and GPA

Course No.	Course Title	Credits	Goal Area	Comments/Substitution
<b>7 Credits must be earned at NHCC:</b>				
<b>2.00 overall GPA for NHCC courses</b>				

**Total Credit Required 22**

## Degree Requirements

2.00 overall GPA for NHCC courses

### Program Outcomes

Develop a foundation of essential knowledge about the cultural, social, and natural worlds of the Deaf and Hard of hearing along with overall individual well-being by:

- Articulating an awareness and understanding of Deaf Culture and the unique qualities of deafness as an American Linguistic minority.

Develop Intellectual and Practical Skills, including:

- Demonstrating basic conversational skills and use of appropriate American Sign Language grammar structures, vocabulary, finger spelling and numbers.
- Effectively communicating with Deaf and Hard of Hearing people in American Sign Language in a variety of settings i.e. work, grocery store, church, etc.).

Demonstrate Personal and Social Responsibility, including:

- Analyzing individual approaches to American Sign Language and make appropriate choices within various contexts involved.

Integrative Learning:

- Analyzing, comparing, and contrasting different perspectives of the Deaf Community.

### Gainful Employment Program Information

[American Sign Language \(ASL\)](#)

### Degree Information

Certificates may be earned for successful completion of courses in a specialized program of study with a minimum grade point average of 2.00 (C) in each class. Students must complete ENGL 1201 at North Hennepin Community College. A certificate shall include 9 to 32 semester credits. At least one-third of the total credits required for each certificate must be completed at North Hennepin Community College.

### Developmental Courses

Some students may need preparatory course(s) in Math and/or English. Courses numbered below 1000 will not apply toward a degree.

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### **Equal Opportunity Employer and Disability Access Information**

North Hennepin Community College is a member of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system and an equal opportunity employer and educator. This document is available in alternative formats to individuals with disabilities by calling 763-493-0555 or through the Minnesota Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529.

### **Career Opportunities**

Information on careers, including salary and employment outlook data, is available on the iseek and Bureau of Labor Statistics websites: [www.iseek.org](http://www.iseek.org) and [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov).

### **Accreditation**

North Hennepin Community College is accredited by the:  
Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools  
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Chicago, IL 60602-2504  
1-800-621-7440

### **Transfer Information**

If you are planning on transferring to another institution, follow the guidelines available on our transfer resources web page to help you plan the process: [Transfer Information](#)