

### Course Description:

American Sign Language I (1 of 2) provides an introduction to American Sign Language (ASL). The course provides guidance in how to communicate with ASL across a variety of basic subjects, including greetings and introductions, information sharing, personal characteristics, family, traveling, and living spaces. The course also explores details about Deaf culture, the history of ASL, and the general rules and concepts needed for communicating effectively through sign language, including fingerspelling and signing parameters.

### Course Objectives:

- Identify and describe details related to Deaf culture and the Deaf community.
- Recognize the five parameters used in American Sign Language.
- Explore common elements associated with American Sign Language communication.
- Compare and contrast the approach to words and sentences between English and American Sign Language.
- Analyze the role of groups within Deaf culture and the types of information deaf people share in conversations.
- Recognize the purpose of various classifiers in American Sign Language.
- Explore the regional, generational, and cultural signing differences within American Sign Language.
- Describe the ranges of hearing loss and the conditions that create hearing loss.
- Compare and contrast architectural design considerations between hearing people and deaf people.
- Research and present information on a topic related to Deaf culture.
- Identify and use signs for common words, phrases, and questions.
- Identify and use signs for the letters of the alphabet and for small numbers.

### Required Materials:

- computer video camera with recording capabilities
- internet browser
- word-processing software

### Course Overview:

- Course material is aligned with national ACTFL and ASLTA standards. Alignment is provided upon request.

- Video is integrated and used throughout every lesson as the basis for instruction. The engaging learning experience provides students with instruction, videos, activities and practice opportunities.
- Video Practice is provided multiple times per lesson allowing a student to watch ASL in action and simultaneously be able to view themselves signing so they can master and perfect their signs.