

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATE IN ARTS



The Associate in Arts in American Sign Language is designed for students who want to acquire advanced expressive and receptive signing skills, as well as develop a greater awareness of the Deaf community and Deaf culture. The emphasis is on paraprofessional vocations and preparation for continued study in the subject. Upon completion, students may wish to transfer to an Interpreter Certification, American Sign Language, or Deaf Studies program or a four year university to continue their studies.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate conversational fluency. Students will be able to engage in rich dialogue exchanges and share advanced narratives and complex concepts using ASL.
- Comprehend and use grammar structures and conventions as they apply to dialogue exchanges.
- Demonstrate an understanding of Deaf culture, cultural behaviors, values and norms; clearly explain cultural tenets and interact comfortably and appropriately with Deaf people and the cultural community in a wide range of settings, from personal to professional.
- Demonstrate an understanding of Deaf history, and the significant accomplishments and shifts over time related to the cultural community, medical, technology and education domains.

Career Opportunities

- Case Worker
- Child Care Worker
- Communication Disorders Aide
- Early Childhood Education Intervention Aide
- Educational Classroom Aide
- Educational Counselor¹
- Interpreter²
- Preschool Aide
- Program Coordinator¹
- Rehabilitation Counselor¹
- Social Work¹
- Social Work Aide
- Special Education Classroom Aide
- Teacher¹

¹ Bachelor degree or higher required.

² Certification required.

Associate in Arts Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Units
ASL-120	American Sign Language I	4
ASL-121	American Sign Language II	4
ASL-130	American Sign Language: Fingerspelling	3

ASL-140	Inside Deaf Culture	3
ASL-220	American Sign Language III	4
ASL-221	American Sign Language IV	4
Select one unit from the following:		1
ASL-125	American Sign Language with Infants and Toddlers	
ASL-126	American Sign Language With School Age Children	
Total Units		23

Plus General Education Requirements (<https://catalog.gcccd.edu/cuyamaca/degree-requirements-transfer-information/>)