

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE MANUAL COMMUNICATION CERTIFICATE

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Our certificate includes a "First Responders to the Deaf Community" course that provides a practical application for those students planning vocations in the areas of health care, criminal justice, police, fire prevention, emergency care, speech-language pathology, audiology and social service.

This certificate is designated to expose students to American Sign Language so they can communicate with Deaf/hearing impaired persons. Certificate holders will build toward communication competency in American Sign Language as well as cultural sensitivity regarding the Deaf community. This Certificate is open to undergraduate majors in any discipline as well as baccalaureate degree graduates from The University of Akron or any other accredited institution. This certificate may also be earned independently of obtaining a degree.

7700 CERTIFICATE COURSE CATALOG DESCRIPTIONS

7700:101 American Sign Language I **3.00 Credits**

- Introduction to American Sign Language: vocabulary building, beginning development of fingerspelling skills, receptive/expressive conversational skills.

7700:102 American Sign Language II **3.00 Credits**

- Prerequisite: 101. Continued development of skills in American Sign Language: vocabulary building, beginning development of fingerspelling skills, receptive/expressive conversational skills

7700:201 American Sign Language III **3.00 Credits**

- Prerequisite: 102. Continued development of skills in American Sign Language: vocabulary building, beginning development of fingerspelling skills, receptive/expressive conversational skills.

7700:202 American Sign Language IV **3.00 Credits**

- Prerequisite: 201. Further practice in developing expressive/receptive communication, fingerspelling and fluency: Study of linguistic aspects of various manual communication systems.

7700:222 Survey of Deaf Culture in America **2.00 Credits**

- The Deaf experience in America including educational, legal, social, and occupational developments.

7700:245 First Responders to the Deaf Community (Offered Fall Semester Only) **4.00 Credits**

- Prerequisite: American Sign Language III with a C or above, or equivalent with permission from instructor. This course is required for the College of Health Professions Manual Communication Certificate. It will emphasize American Sign Language skills practical to first responders' needs. *Offered during the Fall Semester only.*