

# AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATE IN ARTS AND CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT



The ASL degree is designed for students to acquire advanced expressive and receptive signing skills. It also gives students greater awareness of the Deaf culture and Deaf community. This degree is meant for the student who wants to work with Deaf people. Communicating in sign language and understanding Deafness is critical in any career where one works with Deaf and hard of hearing people. The emphasis is on paraprofessional vocations such as teacher's aid, child care worker, etc. Students completing the ASL degree may wish to transfer to a four-year institution or continue their studies in interpreting.

## Career Opportunities

<https://www.grossmont.edu/student-support/career-center/resources.php>

- Case Worker
- Certified Translator
- Certified Terminologist
- Education Counselor
- Interpreter
  - ASL (American Sign Language)
  - Certified
  - Conference
  - Court
  - Educational
  - Foreign Broadcast
  - Legal
  - Literacy
  - Medical
- Program Coordinator
- Rehabilitation Counselor
- Teacher

The Program-level Student Learning Outcomes (PSLOs) below are outcomes that students will achieve after completing specific degree / certificate requirements in this program. Students will:

1. Converse fluently in ASL with peers both hearing and Deaf by applying the language in conversations, ASL storytelling, or narratives
2. Understand the grammar structures of ASL and apply them in dialogues
3. Demonstrate knowledge of the Deaf culture heritage and Deaf values through presentations, papers, and written exams
4. Demonstrate knowledge of local and national resources for Deaf, hard of hearing, and late Deafened adults through presentations, papers, exams, or group demonstrations

5. Demonstrate an awareness how to work with Deaf people in a variety of settings through community service learning

## Associate Degree Major Requirements

Note: All courses must be completed with a letter grade of "C" or higher or "Pass."

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-131	American Sign Language: Fingerspelling II	3
ASL-140	Inside Deaf Culture	3
ASL-220	American Sign Language III	4
ASL-221	American Sign Language IV	4
PSY-120	Introductory Psychology	3
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>28</b>

Plus General Education (<https://catalog.gcccd.edu/grossmont/admission-information/general-education-transfer/>) and Elective Requirements

## Certificate of Achievement

Any student who chooses to complete only the courses required for the above major qualifies for a certificate of Achievement in American Sign Language. An official request from the student must be filed with the Admissions and Records Office prior to the deadline stated in the yearly calendar which is listed in the class schedule and catalog.