



AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

18 credit Certificate

THE PROGRAM

The American Sign Language certificate can be completed in one year. LRSC is located one block from the North Dakota School for the Deaf (NDSB), providing a unique opportunity to learn in close connection with a sign language environment and the Deaf community in the Lake Region. The location supports regular exposure to ASL in authentic settings and strengthens classroom learning through real-world interaction. The certificate introduces foundational American Sign Language communication and highlights its use across a range of professional settings, including education, healthcare, human services, legal environments, and the performing arts.

WHAT STUDENTS WILL GAIN

- Proficiency in American Sign Language for everyday and professional communication
- Ability to interact effectively within Deaf culture and community settings
- Practical communication skills applicable across multiple career fields
- Experience using sign language in real-world environments through community access
- Preparation for use of ASL in education, healthcare, human services, legal settings, and the performing arts

CAREER OUTCOMES

Graduates with American Sign Language skills may pursue or enhance careers in education, healthcare, human services, legal services, and the performing arts. ASL proficiency can support roles like classroom support staff, healthcare support personnel, social services workers, and interpreters-in-training.

ADVISORS/TRIO & POWERSKILLS

Advisors at LRSC help you create a class schedule and choose electives that build a foundation for upper-division coursework and meet transfer requirements.

TRiO & PowerSkills provide academic support for all students, including tutoring, advising, study support, testing/proctoring, and disability services.

PROGRAM CONTACT

For questions about the American Sign Language program at Lake Region State College, contact:

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STUDENT SUCCESS TIPS



Schedule time with your advisor each semester to stay on track with your degree plan.

Use tutoring and academic support services when needed to build skills in subjects like math.

Get involved at LRSC through clubs, activities, and campus events to build connections and get the most out of your experience.

Over \$540,000 in scholarships is awarded to students each year. Complete the scholarship application on the LRSC website; one application applies to multiple scholarships, and awards are matched based on eligibility.



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18-CREDIT CERTIFICATE

First Semester		Credits
ASL 101: American Sign Language I		4
ASL 150: Specialized Vocabulary I		2
ASL 160: Fingerspelling and Numbers		3
Second Semester		
ASL 102: American Sign Language		4
ASL 170: Specialized Vocabulary II		2
ASL 250: Survey of Deaf Culture		3
Total Credits		18