

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

18 credit Certificate

THE PROGRAM

The American Sign Language certificate can be completed in one year. Located one block from the North Dakota School for the Deaf (NDS), LRSC is ideally situated to offer the certificate. You will have access to the sign language environment at NDS and the Deaf Community which resides in the Lake Region. The knowledge of sign language can be beneficial in a variety of settings, including:

- Education (pre-K to college)
- Medical environment
- Human services
- Legal environment
- Performance arts

CHOOSE YOUR PATH

If you want to enter a 4-year college or university after LRSC, you should do your research.

- Gather catalogs from your 4-year choice schools.
- You and your advisor can create a course plan.
- Work with your advisor to meet prerequisites with your electives for the AA or AS degree.
- Check with Student Services about transfer agreements LRSC has with your 4-year choice.

ADVISORS/TRiO & PowerSkills

Knowledgeable advisors will help you create a class schedule and choose electives to build strong foundations for upper division coursework and to meet transfer requirements.

TRiO & PowerSkills is an **advising, tutoring, and proctoring resource for everyone**, as well as disability services.



TIPS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS



1. **SCHEDULE TIME WITH YOUR ADVISOR** immediately after term schedules is published to choose courses for upcoming semesters. Your advisor will help you select courses that meet core requirements.



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3. **SAVE MONEY BY CARRYING A HEAVIER COURSE LOAD.** Discuss with your advisor if a heavy course load works for you and your schedule. (Tuition & fees cap at 12 and 16, respectively. Other fees may apply and online courses are not included.)

TRANSFER-FRIENDLY SYSTEM

Most universities across the country are considered “transfer-friendly” especially within the North Dakota University System (NDUS):

- AA degrees are commonly accepted in place of specific first and second year core requirements.
- GER - All first and second year (100 & 200 level) general education requirements have common names and numbers throughout the NDUS.
- We want to eliminate the chance of confusion about course equivalence.

If you plan to pursue a bachelor's degree, you may want to complete the Associate in Arts (AA) transfer degree.

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

Get interpreting skills and practice in real-life situations with an ASL internship. Students pursuing a degree in American Sign Language will train with professional interpreters working with deaf individuals.

STUDENT FOCUSED

LRSC is among the best community colleges by BestColleges and CourseAdvisor 2021. Our students receive individualized support and have access to a variety of support services to help achieve their academic goals.

SCHOLARSHIPS

LRSC offers a range of scholarships to our students. Scholarships are funded by the LRSC Community College Foundation through contributions including our alumni, faculty and staff, community organizations, and many businesses and corporations.



\$38K
MEDIAN WAGE



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STUDENT: FACULTY
RATIO



300K
AVAILABLE IN
SCHOLARSHIPS

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CERTIFICATE - FIRST SEMESTER		CREDITS
ASL 101: American Sign Language I		4
ASL 150: Specialized Vocabulary I		2
ASL 160: Fingerspelling and Numbers		3
SPRING SEMESTER		
ASL 102: American Sign Language		4
ASL 170: Specialized Vocabulary II		2
ASL 250: Survey of Deaf Culture		3
Total Certificate Credits		minimum 18

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For more information on the American Sign Language program, please contact Lisa Ginther, Lisa.Ginther@lrsc.edu or visit www.lrsc.edu.