

# AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

 Frederick Community College



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*The American Sign Language (ASL) program is designed to introduce students to the history, culture, and community of the Deaf. Students work towards gaining fluency and mastery of ASL by acquiring foundational skills, vocabulary, acceptance and knowledge of the Deaf community, and by gaining an understanding of this unique non-verbal language. Students gain confidence by becoming involved in the Deaf community through coursework and internships.*

## American Sign Language Certificate

The American Sign Language Certificate program provides students with a strong foundation to further their studies in ASL, interpreting, and Deaf Education or other related fields. This certificate also provides students with the skills they need to work with the Deaf community and Deaf individuals more effectively.

## Learning Outcomes

- Students will apply and transfer their ASL skills at local Deaf community events.
- Students will produce a class project or presentation using ASL.
- Students will demonstrate their ASL skills in communicating with native ASL users.
- Students will employ ASL skills during their internship in a signing environment.
- Students will create a plan to master the ASLPI if they plan to enroll in the Sign Language Interpreter Preparatory Program (IPP).
- Students will be able to distinguish the language and culture between Deaf and hearing Americans.
- Students will develop basic skills and knowledge about the Deaf community and apply that skill and knowledge in higher education or training programs to be ASL interpreters in the field of Deaf Education.

## Growth Potential & Estimated Salaries

The median annual wage for interpreters and translators was \$49,930 in 2018. Overall employment of interpreters and translators is projected to grow 19% from 2018 to 2028, much faster than the average for all occupations.

*Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook ([bls.gov/ooh](https://www.bls.gov/ooh))*

## Internship Program

Internships help students integrate what is taught in the classroom with what is required in the workplace. Students take internships to develop knowledge and skills valued by employers. Students in the American Sign Language Certificate program at Frederick Community College (FCC) are eligible to receive credit for internships.

## Financial Assistance

FCC provides a tuition payment plan for students who wish to spread payment over several months. Scholarship and loan assistance is available for eligible students. For complete scholarship information, contact Financial Aid at 301.846.2620.



## Transfer Note

To find more information about how credits will transfer from FCC to a state four-year institution, visit [artsys.usmd.edu](http://artsys.usmd.edu) or consult a College advisor. Students who plan to transfer should speak with an advisor or program manager from their chosen transfer institution before selecting elective courses.

View required course listings:  
[frederick.edu/ASL](http://frederick.edu/ASL)

### For more information:

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