

# NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## **COURSE OVERVIEW**

**Course Title:** American Sign Language 1

**Course #:** ASL 101

**Course Description:** In this first course of study of the American Sign Language (the language used by the Deaf Community in the United States) students learn the fundamentals of the basic structure of ASL grammar, vocabulary, fingerspelling/numbers, visual-gestural communication, and information related to Deaf Culture.

**Pre-requisite/Co-requisite:** None

**Goals:** To provide students with:

- 1) Basic understanding of the cultural aspects of Deafhood;
- 2) The fundamentals and linguistics of American Sign Language (ASL);
- 3) The ability to introduce themselves and share personal information;
- 4) The ability to make comments and requests;
- 5) The ability to engage in general conversations within the Deaf Community

**Outcomes:** At the end of the course, the students will be able to:

- 1) Identify basic visual concepts/messages presented in ASL;
- 2) Express basic concepts using visual/gestural strategies;
- 3) Apply and self-evaluate the use of non-manual markers (NMM) to convey information;
- 4) Apply and self-evaluate the use of ASL sign parameters in sign production;
- 5) Apply and self-evaluate the use of parameters with fingerspelling and numbers;
- 6) Introduce themselves in keeping with norms of Deaf Culture;
- 7) Present comments and questions using five basic ASL sentence structures;
- 8) Incorporate ASL grammatical elements in simple conversation using basic ASL vocabulary, fingerspelling, numbers, non-manual markers, and use of space;
- 9) Attend, reflect, and discuss social and cultural events in the Deaf and ASL community.