

**NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
COURSE OVERVIEW**

Course Title: American Sign Language II

Course #: ASL 102

Course Description: This course is designed to reinforce American Sign Language (ASL) as used by a majority of Deaf people primarily in the United States. This course continues with enabling the student in becoming more engaged with the use and content of ASL in the conversational setting. The continuation will provide the student with the skills necessary both receptively and expressively to appreciate and understand and utilize the language in its structure and format. Emphasis will be on vocabulary, ASL grammar, Deaf Culture, and conversational skills. This will also include demonstrating your expressive skills in ASL using the vocabulary and grammar learned on this level.

Pre-requisite/Co-requisite: ASL* 101 with a "B" or better OR consent of instructor

Goals: To provide students with:

1. Language that is relevant to work and social communication needs for working with Deaf people;
2. Interactive, meaningful dialogue beginning with short question/answer interactions to develop conversational skills;
3. Cultural communication behaviors related to grammatical principles;
4. Appropriate functions of nonmanual markers in communication;
5. Strategies to enhance receptive and expressive ASL skills development;
6. Strategies to improve skills in fingerspelling word recognition;

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

1. Proficiently produce accurate sign parameters.
2. Select signs that are semantically accurate for the visual message.
3. Construct basic ASL sentence structures in narratives/dialogue.
4. Incorporate appropriate nonmanual markers into ASL sentences.
5. Identify classifiers and incorporate them in signed messages.
6. Incorporate spatial referents, directionality, and body shifting to convey information.
7. Develop effective fingerspelled word/number recognition skills.