

# NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## **COURSE SYLLABUS**

**Course Title:** Deaf Culture and Deaf People I

**Course #:** DSC\* 114

**Course Description:** 3 credits

Analysis and discussion of the historical and cultural aspects of Deaf people. In the last decade, definitions of and attitudes toward Deaf people have changed from a clinical perspective to a cultural perspective that identifies, respects and promotes Deaf culture. Classes will host guest lecturers from the Deaf community.

**Pre-requisite/Co-requisite:** Prerequisites: ASL\* 102 with grade of “C” or better and eligibility for ENG\* 101. Co-requisite: ASL\* 201.

**Goals:**

1. Students will develop better understanding of deaf culture, including group norms, rules for behavior, values, traditions and identity.
2. Students will become familiar with the cultural differences between deaf and hearing people.
3. Students will be able to identify biases, discriminatory behavior and paternalistic attitudes that cause difficulties and misunderstandings between hearing and deaf people.

**Outcomes:**

- Upon successful completion of the course, students should be able to:
1. Communicate at an advanced level using American Sign Language.
  2. Demonstrate an in-depth understanding of and sensitivity to American Deaf culture.
  3. Educate others with information on deafness and available resources.
  4. Recognize the diversity of human behaviors and cultures as they relate to individual development and group interaction, including key issues of age, class, disability, ethnicity, gender, race, religion, and sex orientation.
  5. Identify and evaluate ethical issues and conflicts, contribute to the community and society, and recognize the responsibility of the individual in a democracy.