

Northern Virginia Community College 2008-2009 Catalog

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL) INTERPRETING

Career Studies Certificate

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Purpose: This program prepares students for careers in which it is necessary or helpful to proceed beyond sign language skills to become an interpreter. This requires vocabulary development, and enhanced processing, transliterating, and interpreting skills. Students will be prepared to take the Virginia Quality Assurance Screening (VQAS) examination, passing it at a level sufficient to permit entry-level employment as a full-time or freelance professional interpreter in educational or governmental settings or private practice.

Admission Requirements: Successful completion of ASL 202 American Sign Language IV, ASL 125 The History and Culture of the Deaf Community, and INT 130 Interpreting: An Introduction to the Profession, or consent of instructor based on demonstrably equivalent skill level.

Two Years		Credits
1st Semester		
ENG	111 College Composition I	3
INT	105 Foundations of Interpreting I	<u>3</u>
	Total	6
2nd Semester		
INT	106 Foundations of Interpreting II	3
INT	107 Translation Skills	<u>3</u>
	Total	6
3rd Semester		
INT	133 ASL-to-English Interpretation I	3
INT	134 English-to-ASL Interpretation I	<u>3</u>
	Total	6
4th Semester		
INT	141 Transliterating I	3
INT	233 ASL-to-English Interpretation II	3
INT	234 English-to-ASL Interpretation II	<u>3</u>
	Total	9

Total Credits for the American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreting Career Studies Certificate = 27.

All first-time students must take a one-credit Student Development (SDV) course prior to enrolling in their 16th credit at NOVA.