The American Sign Language and Deaf Studies program is open to both Deaf and non-deaf students and provides intensive preparation in:

- American Sign Language (ASL) and English
- an orientation to Deaf culture
- current social issues affecting Deaf people

The curriculum combines:

- opportunities to learn and practice ASL
- classroom teaching about the structure and features of ASL

Students will have the opportunity to:

- learn, understand and participate in basic conversations in ASL
- develop stronger skills in spoken and written English
- develop a basic understanding of the role of the ASL-English Interpreter

PART TIME STUDY OPTIONS

Basic, stand-alone courses in American Sign Language are also available in the evenings.* For the Continuing Education Course Guide, visit coned.georgebrown.ca.

*PLEASE NOTE: The American Sign Language Certificate offered through Continuing Education is not equivalent to the ASL and Deaf Studies program (C114) certificate.

PROGRAM STANDARDS AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

The graduate has reliably demonstrated the ability to:

1. Communicate effectively in oral and written English.
2. Express and receive messages accurately in routine conversations using American Sign Language.
3. Apply basic knowledge of Deaf culture, the Deaf community, and the interpreter profession.

REQUIRED COURSES

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YOUR CAREER

ASL skills facilitate communication with Deaf people in a wide variety of business, educational and social service settings.
Fluency in ASL is an asset for anyone who interacts with members of the Deaf community or with the general public. To broaden employment prospects, combine this certificate with:

- business
- early childhood education
- teaching
- nursing
- counselling
- other diplomas and degrees

Note that this program does not prepare you to be an ASL-English Interpreter or Deaf Culture Instructor. Should students wish to pursue this profession, we encourage C114 graduates who meet program requirements to apply for the Honours Bachelor of Interpretation (American Sign Language – English) (C302) program² at George Brown College.

FUTURE STUDY OPTIONS

Graduates may apply to the Honours Bachelor of Interpretation (American Sign Language - English) (C302)³ program at George Brown or similar programs at other colleges if they wish to become Sign Language Interpreters.

This program is a recommended prerequisite for the Honours Bachelor of Interpretation (American Sign Language- English) (C302)⁴.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are selected on the basis of their academic achievement, including the required courses, and any other selection criteria outlined below.

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma or equivalent**
- Grade 12 English (C or U)
- Questionnaire

ASL and Deaf Studies program applicant questionnaire (C114)⁵

** MATURE STUDENT STATUS (19 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND NO OSSD)

Mature Students may take the Admissions Assessment for English⁶, OR may consider upgrading to achieve the credit(s) needed in English⁷.

Please note that George Brown is committed to ensuring that applicants will succeed in their program of choice and meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission to the program. Applicants may be required to have grades higher than the minimum requirements stated.

COURSE EXEMPTIONS

College or university credits may qualify you for course exemptions. Please visit georgebrown.ca/transferguide for more information.

“The American Sign Language and Deaf Studies program was fantastic. The instructors gave me a strong foundation in American Sign Language by using a variety of effective teaching strategies and by giving constant feedback.”

Heather O’Shea (Graduate 2002, American Sign Language and Deaf Studies)

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¹https://collegeapply.ontariocolleges.ca/?collegeCode=GBTC&programCode=C114&lang=en
⁵http://www.georgebrown.ca/orientation/documents/applicant-questionnaire-C114.pdf
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