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

YOUR FIELD STUDY OPTIONS

Although there is no field placement requirement in the American Sign Language and Deaf Studies program, students will have the opportunity to practice through simulation experiences in the classroom.

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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General Education Electives

YOUR CAREER

ASL skills facilitate communication with Deaf people in a wide variety of health-care, 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, Deaf Culture Instructor, or ASL 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) program at George Brown College.

FUTURE STUDY OPTIONS

Graduates may apply to the Honours Bachelor of Interpretation (American Sign Language – English) (C302) 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).1

For graduates wishing to work with the Deafblind, they can apply to George Brown’s Intervenor for Deafblind Persons (C108) program. The General Education Elective taken in C114 will count as credit toward the C108 program requirements.

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)

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

Mature Students may take the Admissions Assessment for English, OR may consider upgrading to achieve the credit(s) needed in English.7

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.

APPLY TO

Domestic students should apply through Ontario Colleges.