



## **Elementary Sign Language**

**Course Summary:** In this course, the student will be introduced to the fundamental concepts of American Sign Language. The student will explore vocabulary, numbers, grammar, and conversational skills using basic signing and fingerspelling techniques.

### **Course Outline**

#### **1. Intro**

1. History/Culture
  - Define Deaf culture
  - Define Deaf community
  - Explain the characteristics of the Deaf community and Deaf culture
2. About ASL
  - Define American Sign Language (ASL)
  - Describe deaf education in America
3. ABCs
  - Learn the parameters of American Sign Language
  - Identify the manual alphabet
  - Demonstrate the manual alphabet
4. Fingerspelling
  - Fingerspell 3 and 4 letter words
  - Identify fingerspelled words
5. Greetings
  - Learn the rules for greetings, name signs, and saying goodbye
  - Be able to greet and introduce yourself to an ASL user
6. Etiquette
  - Define etiquette
  - Explain the social rules of the Deaf community
7. Unit Review
8. Unit Test

#### **2. Numbers**

1. Numbers 0–20
  - Sign the numbers 0–20
2. Numbers 21–100
  - Sign the numbers 21–100
3. Counting and Money
  - Demonstrate the signs for dollars, cents, and how much
  - Recognize the signs for numbers between 0 and 100
  - Demonstrate the signs for numbers between 0 and 100
4. Review
5. Numbers Unit Test

#### **3. Time**

1. On the Clock
  - Sign whole-hour times

2. Days of the Week
  - Sign the days of the week
3. Months of the Year
  - Sign the months of the year
4. Seasons and Holidays
  - Demonstrate how to sign the four seasons
5. Unit Review
6. Unit Test

#### 4. **Nouns**

1. Family
  - Demonstrate the different signs for family members
  - Use the signs for family to have a signed conversation
2. Places
  - Learn the ASL signs for different places in the community
3. Food
  - Demonstrate the signs for different foods
  - Demonstrate the signs for different utensils
  - Identify ASL images of foods and utensils
4. Colors
  - Demonstrate the signs for different colors
5. Animals
  - Demonstrate signs for various animals
6. Review
7. Unit Test

#### 5. **Descriptions**

1. Adjectives
  - Demonstrate signs for common adjectives
  - Demonstrate proper placement of adjectives
2. Feelings/Health
  - Demonstrate use of indexing
  - Demonstrate signs for common feelings
3. Sizes and Amounts
  - Demonstrate signs for sizes
  - Demonstrate signs for amounts
4. Possession
  - Demonstrate signs for possessive pronouns
5. Locations
  - Demonstrate proper signs for various locations
6. Review
7. Unit Test