Alexandria Technical and Community College

LANG 1403: American Sign Language I

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3
Lecture Hours/Week: 3
Lab Hours/Week: *.*
OJT Hours/Week: *.*
Prerequisites: None
Corequisites: None
MnTC Goals: None

This course deals with the fundamentals of American Sign Language. It focuses on functional conversational skills by understanding how signs are used in a sentence, how a sign form is influenced by the sign that precedes or follows, and learning how sign movements can be modified to change meaning. This course also includes the use of facial expressions to produce meaning. The class stresses how language is used in context and explains how to converse in American Sign Language.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 01/06/2004 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Discover strategies for learning American Sign Language.
2. Discuss Deaf Awareness.
3. Understand courteous behavior in Deaf Culture.
6. Examine time concepts in ASL.
7. Understand culture and origin of Name Signs.
8. Write group dialogue project.
9. Present group dialogue project.

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. The learner will be able to have a functional conversation in American Sign Language.
2. The learner will be able to produce and receptively understand vocabulary provided in Units 1-6.
3. The learner will be introduced to Deaf Culture.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted