Alexandria Technical and Community College

ASL 1400: American Sign Language I

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION
   Credits: 3
   Lecture Hours/Week: 3
   Lab Hours/Week: 0
   OJT Hours/Week: *.*
   Prerequisites: None
   Corequisites: None
   MnTC Goals: None
   This course deals with the fundamentals of American Sign Language (ASL). 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 ASL.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES:  12/20/2019 - 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. Learners will be able to have a functional conversation in American Sign Language.
   2. Learners will be able to produce and receptively understand vocabulary provided in Units 1-6.
   3. Learners 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