

Miami-Dade College
ASL 2430 – Manual Alphabet Skills Development

Catalog Description:

Content focuses on acquiring both expressive and receptive skill in the manual alphabet of American Sign Language, commonly known as fingerspelling. Students learn to increase their speed and fluency in executing the alphabet and to improve their ability to decipher fingerspelled words. Abbreviations, acronyms, lexicalized fingerspelling and the various ASL numbering systems are included. Students must have basic expressive and receptive skill in the alphabet to enroll. A performance test is given at the beginning of the course to determine existing competency. (3 hr. lecture)

3 Credits

Prerequisite: ASL 1150C

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will demonstrate skill in expressive fingerspelling ability in:

- a. fluency and speed
- b. accuracy

Competency 2: The student will demonstrate skill in receptive fingerspelling ability using closure skills to predict and identify by:

- a. comprehending selected vocabulary
- b. comprehending target information embedded in sentences and stories

Competency 3: The student will demonstrate skill in performing and recognizing commonly used fingerspelled items including:

- a. abbreviations
- b. acronyms of organizations commonly known in the Deaf community
- c. lexicalized fingerspelling

Competency 4: The student will demonstrate the ability to perform and recognize numbers in:

- a. language passages
- b. various numbering systems used in ASL

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