

**School of Speech-Language Pathology
and Audiology
Manual Communication Certificate**

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Our updated certificate includes a new course entitled “First Responders to the Deaf Community” in consideration of our new College of Health Professions in providing this engaged class with practical application for those students planning vocations in the areas of health care, criminal justice, police, fire prevention, emergency care, speech pathology, audiology, and social service.

This revised certificate is designed to expose students to American Sign Language so they can communicate with Deaf/hearing impaired persons. Certificate holders will build toward communication competency in American Sign Language as well as cultural sensitivity regarding the Deaf community. This Certificate is open to undergraduate majors in any discipline as well as persons with a baccalaureate degree from the University or any other accredited institution. This certificate may also be earned independent of earning a degree.

Certificate Coursework:

7700:101 American Sign Language I	3 credits
7700:102 American Sign Language II	3 credits
7700:201 American Sign Language III	3 credits
7700:202 American Sign Language IV	3 credits
7700:222 Survey of Deaf Culture in America	2 credits
7700:245 First Responders to the Deaf Community	4 credits



SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY (7700) Course Catalog Descriptions:

101 AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE I *3 credits*

Introduction to American Sign Language: vocabulary building, beginning development of fingerspelling skills, receptive/expressive conversational skills.

102 AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE II *3 credits*

Prerequisite: 101. Continued development of skills in American Sign Language: vocabulary building, further development of fingerspelling skills, receptive/expressive conversational skills.

201 AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE III *3 credits*

Prerequisite: 102. Continued development of skills in American Sign Language: vocabulary building, fingerspelling skills, receptive/expressive conversational skills, and linguistic features of ASL.

202 AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE IV *3 credits*

Prerequisite: 201. Further fluency development of expressive/receptive communication, fingerspelling and linguistic features of ASL.

222 SURVEY OF DEAF CULTURE IN AMERICA *2 credits*

The deaf experience in America including historical, educational, legal, social, and occupational developments.

245 FIRST RESPONDERS TO THE DEAF COMMUNITY *4 credits*

Prerequisites: 101, 102, 201. Completion of ASL with C or better. This course is required for the Manual Communication Certificate. It will emphasize ASL skills practical to first responders' needs.