



American Sign Language Course

PURPOSE: This course introduces the basics of American Sign Language (ASL) and is designed for adult learners who are looking for meaningful and conversational ASL that is readily applicable to their daily routines. ASL Instructor, Virginia Maze, will offer group classes once a week. During these group sessions, the instructor will present a vocabulary lesson, information about the Deaf Community and Deaf Culture, and resources for additional practice. Participants will be able to ask questions during class and make suggestions for lesson topics. Each class builds on the previous lesson.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- To learn appropriate introductions
- To utilize proper greetings
- To acquire vocabulary
- To examine ASL grammar
- To understand appropriate interactions with individuals who are deaf or deaf-blind
- To examine the role of facial expressions and non-manual signs

FORMAT: Online via Zoom.

WHEN:

October 5 – Lesson One/Week One	October 26 – Lesson Four/Week Four
October 12 – Lesson Two/Week Two	November 2 – Lesson Five/Week Five
October 19 – Lesson Three/Week Three	November 9 – Lesson Six/Week Six

TIME: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm CST

DURATION: 6 weeks

COST: Free

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE: Participants completing 6 sessions will receive a certificate of attendance to document this professional development event. Participants are responsible for requesting approval of professional development hours.

REGISTER: Registration is required, as enrollment is limited to 50 participants for the entire course. To register, cut and paste the Eventbrite link address into your browser. A zoom link for each class will be emailed to you a week prior.

REGISTRATION LINK: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/165140877811>

A LITTLE ABOUT THE SPEAKER: Virginia Maze has a Master's degree in Teaching Additional Languages from the University of Georgia. She has taught ASL for 7 years at the high school level and in virtual classroom. She has extensive experience working with families who have children with deafblindness. She understands the unique and varied communication needs of people with deafblindness.

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