

# COURSE DESCRIPTIONS and FEES

(ALL COURSES ARE 8 WEEKS IN LENGTH.)

## SLS PREP: Preparation Course

**Pre-requisites:** None

**Text(s):** A Basic Course in American Sign Language

Does learning a new language make you nervous? Have you taken a Sign Language course before and felt lost? The SL PREP course might just be the thing you need. Taught on an extremely basic level, the student will be introduced to fingerspelling, sign language vocabulary (Lessons 1-8) and Deaf Culture. This will include facial expression, body movement, pantomime, spatial awareness, and sign composition. This course is perfect for preparing a student for the SLS 100 series of courses. *All students completing the PREP course can register for the SLS 101 course for only \$85.*

**Fees:** \$135 [\$100 for Deaf Family Member] [\$75 for Deaf Person]

## SLS 101: Fundamentals of American Sign Language

**Pre-requisites:** None

**Text(s):** A Basic Course in American Sign Language and ABC Student Study Guide

The student will be introduced to the fundamental principles of American Sign Language (ASL) and components of Deaf Culture. Basic principles in this session will include fingerspelling, facial expression, body movement, pantomime, spatial awareness, sign composition, and grammatical structure. Utilizing the vocabulary and grammar of Lessons 1-7, the student will be introduced to the expressive skills of converting the English language into ASL and the receptive skills of converting ASL into English. The progress the student must successfully complete a 3-part examination comprised of a written evaluation of general knowledge, an evaluation of expressive ASL skills, and an evaluation of receptive ASL skills.

**Fees:** \$135 [\$100 for Deaf Family Member] [\$85 for PREP students] [\$75 for Deaf Person]

## SLS 102: Fundamentals of American Sign Language

**Pre-requisites:** SLS 101

**Text(s):** A Basic Course in American Sign Language and ABC Student Study Guide

Utilizing the texts and fundamental principles learned and retained in SLS 101, the student will continue studies of the grammatical structure of American Sign Language (ASL). The session will introduce new language features (derived from Lessons 8-14) in a written, manually expressive, and visually receptive format. To progress the student must successfully complete a 3-part examination comprised of a written evaluation of general knowledge, an evaluation of expressive ASL skills, and an evaluation of receptive ASL skills.

**Fees:** \$85 [\$100 for Deaf Family Member] [\$75 for Deaf Person]

## SLS 103: Fundamentals American Sign Language

**Pre-requisites:** SLS 101 and SLS 102

**Text(s):** A Basic Course in American Sign Language and ABC Student Study Guide

Utilizing the texts and fundamental principles learned and retained in SLS 101 and SLS 102, the student will continue studies of the grammatical structure of American Sign Language (ASL). The session will introduce new language features (derived from Lessons 15-22) in a written, manually expressive and visually receptive format. This session will complete the SLS 101, SLS 102, and SLS 103 course texts. To progress the student must successfully complete a 3-part examination comprised of a written evaluation of general knowledge, an evaluation of expressive ASL skills, and an evaluation of receptive ASL skills.

**Fees:** \$85 [\$100 for Deaf Family Member] [\$75 for Deaf Person]

## SLS 201: Conversational American Sign Language

**Pre-requisites:** SLS 101, SLS 102, SLS 103

**Text(s):** Random House Webster American Sign Language Dict.

Relying upon the grammatical foundation established in SLS 101, 102, and 103, the student will embark upon introductory methods of conversing in American Sign Language. The course will expound and build upon these learned principles and apply them to manual conversation. In addition, the course considers and incorporates intrapersonal and interpersonal variables in conjunction with signing milieu and Deaf proxemics to render conversation that is conducive to Deaf Culture.

**Fees:** \$100 [\$75 for Deaf Person]

## SLS 202: Advance Conversational American Sign Language

**Pre-requisites:** SLS 101, SLS 102, SLS 103, SLS 201

**Text(s):** Random House Webster American Sign Language Dict.

A continuation of SLS 201 whereby the student will maintain study of appropriate American Sign Language conversation methods. These skills will be utilized in a variety of practical scenarios pertaining to medicine, general community, spirituality, government, and education. Again, conversation will incorporate those principles correlating with Deaf Culture.

**Fees:** \$100 [\$75 for Deaf Person]

## SLS 301: Fundamentals of Signing Exact English

**Pre-requisites:** SLS 101

**Text(s):** Signing Exact English

Responding to numerous requests from parents, teachers, and those in the educational setting, the Center is offering a Signing Exact English course. Signing Exact English by Gerilee Gustason and Esther Zawolkow is the text used for this curriculum. This text offers the most comprehensive collection of signs for English words and vocabulary for beginning to advanced signers, and easy-to-follow graphic illustrations for over 4,400 signs. SLS 6 will meet for 12 weeks for two hours one class per week.

**Fees:** \$100

## SLS 302: Fundamentals of Spiritual Signing

**Pre-requisites:** SLS 101

**Text(s):** Religious Signing

During the spiritual signing session the student will apply signing space; honorific reference; appropriate body movement and facial expression; and, role playing with American Sign Language for sacred scripture, music, and poetry. The class will incorporate both traditional and non-traditional spiritual signs, symbols, and concepts. Signs from Christian faiths will be of primary focus. Spiritual signing is a preparatory class for spiritual interpreting.

**Fees:** \$100

## SLS 303: Fundamentals of Medical Signing

**Pre-requisites:** SLS 101

**Text(s):** Random House Webster American Sign Language Dictionary

The student will incorporate modern health concepts and practices with American Sign Language that is specific to the contemporary medical setting. The student will learn to breakdown and decipher complex medical terminology, diseases, procedures, and assessments and translate them to an American Sign Language format. Alternate communication methods for those with minimal sign language skills will also be taken into consideration.

**Fees:** \$100

## SLS 304: Fundamentals of Underwater Communication

**Pre-requisites:** None

**Text(s):** Underwater Communication

This course is designed for the recreational or commercial scuba diver. The diver will learn standardized signs pertinent to the sport of scuba diving and those signs associated with the world underwater. The objective of this course is to provide the diver with a system of communication underwater which is more effective than the typical "gesture system" used by many divers. Divers taking this course are encouraged to do so WITH their dive buddy.

**Fees:** \$100

## SLS 305: Survival Sign Language for Late Deafened Adults and Hard of Hearing

**Pre-requisites:** None

**Text(s):** Sign Language Dictionary

This course is designed for the Hard of Hearing or Late Deafened Adult, their Family and/or Friends. Simple survival vocabulary is taught in an English Language format. Students will learn common vocabulary and phrases they can use in their daily lives. Course is only 6 weeks in length.

**Fees:** \$50 per couple

Deaf Family Member	Refunds
In order to take advantage of this pricing you must be living with the deaf family member and be their Father, Mother, Sister, or Brother.	The Center, being a non-profit organization, does not issue refunds for partial attendance of classes or the dropping of courses.