AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

The signs point to a new career.

Learn to bridge communication for Deaf people by learning American Sign Language—English Interpretation skills.

American Sign Language (ASL) is recognized as a complete, complex language and has been for more than 50 years. It is still gaining recognition and popularity in the United States and Canada. TCC’s ASL and interpretation program includes ASL I-VI, foundations of interpretation, translations skills, and courses in practical application of both ASL to English and English to ASL interpretation.

Tidewater Community College is the only college in southeastern Virginia to offer an Associate of Applied Science in American Sign Language—English Interpretation.

Course work qualifies students to sit for one or more exams administered by the Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) Diagnostic Center.

PROGRAMS

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE—ENGLISH INTERPRETATION

Complete in as few as 6 semesters / 68 credits

This program teaches the foundational knowledge and skills for entry-level employment, as well as ongoing professional development, into the ASL-English Interpretation profession. Learn in an interactive classroom setting and with real-world experience through the 150-hour internship.

CAREER STUDIES CERTIFICATE

Want to start—or advance—your career as quickly as possible? Skip the broad requirements of the associate degree and focus your professional competency in a single subject with a career studies certificate. You can apply all the credits from this certificate toward TCC’s ASL associate degree.

Career Studies Certificate in American Sign Language

Complete in as few as 4 semesters / 28 credits

Learn to communicate using ASL, the native language of the Deaf community. ASL is a natural language with grammatical structure and rules for syntax. Our program will teach you how to communicate directly with members of the Deaf community.

“I went through high school reading lips. I started trying to teach myself ASL from a book. Since I had no one to practice with, I didn’t get very far. I’m going to a deaf university in the fall, so learning ASL opened new doors for me. I’m excited because I can understand more now; it’s like the whole world has opened for me.”

—Kelly Hernandez
APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form (FAFSA). The FAFSA code for TCC is 003712, which must be listed on the FAFSA form in order for TCC to receive your information.

LET’S GET STARTED!
A great education is closer than you think. With 150 high-quality academic programs, four convenient campuses, and hundreds of affordable day, evening, and online courses, TCC is here for you. Applications are accepted year-round.

APPLY FOR ADMISSION
Complete the application online. Once you submit the application, you will receive a student number and username. Retain these for your records.

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NEED HELP?
Request more information at tccenroll.com and one of our admissions representatives will contact you. You can also call us at 757-822-1111 or email enroll@tcc.edu to get started.

POSSIBLE CAREER PATHS
Graduates are taught the skills to work as interpreters in K-12 settings, within the community, or for government and private agencies.

IS THIS PROGRAM FOR YOU?
Yes, if you:

• have a knack for languages
• enjoy working with people and want to work within the Deaf community
• like working in a variety of different environments

Yes, if this program is available near you:
☐ Chesapeake ☐ Norfolk
☐ Portsmouth ☐ Virginia Beach
☐ Online

ABOUT TCC
We are the South Hampton Roads Community College. With campuses in Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Virginia Beach, TCC offers a high-quality, affordable education right here in your own backyard. Every year, thousands start at TCC before going on to Virginia’s best four-year schools or a lucrative career. TCC is the fastest, most affordable way to get to whatever is next in your life. Want to learn more? Visit us at tcc.edu today.

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Gainful employment consumer information is available at tcc.edu/gainfulemployment.

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