



Learn American Sign Language

Learning Sign Language can be fun. There are a variety of different ways to learn and many Deaf people who are willing to teach.

Below are some resources from Online Sign Language Learning and Continuing Education Classes, College Programs or organizations who do home visits to families with d/Deaf and hard-of-hearing children who want to learn Sign Language in British Columbia.

British Columbia has a variety of current ASL courses that are on the front page of our website (www.fndc.ca) , so please browse FNDC's calendar for current courses!

Where do families learn sign language in BC?

The following provincial agencies generally provide ASL classes at no charge to families (with deaf & hard of hearing children). In addition, some agencies welcome other family members (ie. siblings, grandparents).

Please check with individual agencies for details and criteria etc.

BC Family Hearing Resource Society

For families with deaf/hh children 0 to 5

Website: www.bcfamilyhearing.com Email: info@bcfamilyhearing.com

604-584-2827 voice 604-584-9108 tty

Deaf Children's Society of BC

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For families with deaf/hh children 0 to 5

Website: www.deafchildren.bc.ca

Phone: 604-525-6056 voice 604-535-9390 tty

Provincial Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services

For families with deaf/hh children/youth ages of 5 to 19

Website: www.mcfed.gov.bc.ca/pdhhs Email: pdhhs@gov.bc.ca

604-660-1800 voice 604-660-1807 tty

Okanagan & Northern British Columbia

Okanagan Child Development Centre

For families with deaf/hh children ages 0 to 19

Email: irma@cocda.com Phone: 250-763-5100 ext 213

Northern BC Children & Families Hearing Society

For families with deaf/hh children

www.nbchearingsociety.com Email: pgdeaf@telus.net Phone: 250-563-2425

Vancouver Island

Island Deaf & Hard of Hearing - NANAIMO

For families with a deaf/hh family member

www.idhhc.ca Email: nanaimo@idhhc.ca

Voice: 250-753-0999 TTY: 250-753-0977 Toll Free Voice/TTY: 1-877-424-3323

Island Deaf & Hard of Hearing – VICTORIA

For families with a deaf/hh family member

www.idhhc.ca Email: idhhc@idhhc.ca

Voice: 250-592-8144 TTY: 250-592-8147 Voice toll free: 1-800-667-5448 TTY toll free: 1-800-667-5488

Where does the General Public learn ASL?

ASL Credit for High School Students

School districts now accept ASL Prep I- IV with a pass on the Government Master Exam as equivalent to the new high school course Introductory American Sign Language. Please contact your high school counsellor or the Ministry of Education for more information. See below for Intro to ASL 11 and ASL 11 (offered online through the Ministry of Education (Burnaby School District – online learning):

Credited ASL Courses for BC Students through Burnaby School District Online Learning

Intro to ASL 11 and ASL 11 for BC Students (credited courses) - FREE to BC students that qualify! Here's the link to the course outlines for ASL 11 & Intro ASL 11 through Burnaby School District www.burnabyonline.ca There is a \$200 refundable textbook deposit.

- If a BC student (under 19) who is a Canadian Citizen/Permanent Resident and has not yet graduated s/he can take the course at no cost. **(Yes, its free!)** There is a \$200 refundable textbook deposit.
- If a BC student (over 19) who is a Canadian Citizen/Permanent Resident and has not yet graduated s/he can take the course at no cost. There is a \$200 refundable textbook deposit.
- If a BC student (over 19) who is a Canadian Citizen/Permanent Resident and has graduated s/he can take the course at a cost of \$550.00. There is a \$200 refundable textbook deposit.
- If an International student (19 and under) with a BC study permit and has not graduated s/he can take the course at a cost of \$900.00. There is a \$200 refundable textbook deposit.

CONTACT INFORMATION: 604-664-2526 (phone) | 604-664-2527 (fax). www.burnabyonline.ca There is a complete list of all courses with a course outline attached. Just click on the courses tab at the top. The 2 ASL courses are listed under modern languages.

Website/App's for learning ASL

Note: FNDC doesn't endorse any specific online courses/apps
We suggest you use your discernment and discretion to meet your needs.

Marlee Signs Ipad/iphone app: <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/marlee-signs/id566054855?mt=8>

Signing Online: www.signingonline.com/

Savvy | ASL Sign Language Video Dictionary: www.signingsavvy.com/

Family Health Reference To ASL: www.usinsuranceagents.com/family-health-reference-to-asl/

HandSpeak: Visual Languages: www.handspeak.com/

Over 6,000 ASL signs: www.aslpro.com/

ASL Browser: www.commtechlab.msu.edu/sites/aslweb/browser.htm

Continuing Education



Vancouver Community College - ASL classes

ASL classes (Prep I – IV) are at the Broadway campus.

Check the website: www.vcc.ca Call Admission office for schedule or register 604-871-7000. Vancouver Community College Sign Language Studies, Contact: Vincent Chauvet: vchauvet@vcc.ca



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University of British Columbia

UBC Continuing Studies offers adult ASL classes. All of our teachers are instructors in the VCC program and we use the Signing Naturally

curriculum. We have students from a variety of backgrounds and motivations. We run classes at three levels from Beginner 1 to Lower Intermediate. <https://cstudies.ubc.ca/study-topic/sign-language-american>

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UBC Robson Square, 1400-800 Robson Street | Vancouver, BC Canada V6Z 3B7 Phone 604 822 0803
nina.parr@ubc.ca | www.languages.ubc.ca



Camosun College (VICTORIA) - ASL classes and certification

Our ASL classes are intended for the general public as well as those seeking Prep or Basic level certification. For details, schedule, and registration see www.camosun.ca or call 1-877-554-7555.



University of Victoria, Vancouver Island

The Linguistics Department of the University of Victoria in partnership with Continuing Studies currently offers credit courses in American Sign Language (ASL) at both the first and second year levels. For information about the individual courses, please see <https://continuingstudies.uvic.ca/languages-and-travel/topics/world-languages> or contact the ASL Program Coordinator at 250-721-7421

College of New Caledonia, Prince George - Continuing Education Classes

FYI: For your information...

What does it takes to become an interpreter in BC?

- Grade 12 diploma including English 12 PLUS
- 120 hours of ASL (Prep I to IV) or equivalency PLUS
- 10 month full time ASL & Deaf Studies Program at Vancouver Community College PLUS
- A two year full time Program of Sign Language Interpretation at Douglas College.
- So basically, that's 120 hours of ASL (Prep I to IV) PLUS 3 years of full time school studies!

We are thankful for all our qualified, dedicated interpreters here in BC!