

<i>Avocational Education</i>		
<b>Beginner American Sign Language</b>		
<b>Clock Hours: 9</b>	<b>Length of Course:</b>	<b>Student/Instructor Ratio:</b>
<b>Course Type:</b>		Class: 20:1
Traditional	6 weeks	Laboratory: n/a
<b>Course Description:</b>		
This class will provide a brief understanding of deaf culture and better equip members of the community with a basic understanding of sign language to establish effective communication. Upon class completion, students will have a basic ASL that can be used in conversation.		
<b>Pre-Requisites:</b>		
None		
<b>Credential Awarded Upon Graduation:</b>		
Certificate of Completion		

### **PROGRAM OUTCOMES:**

Upon completion of this Basic ASL class, the student will:

1. Be cognizant of deaf culture and aware of the various perspectives on deafness.
2. Employ effective communication tactics to engage members of the deaf community.
3. Appreciate the importance of equal access for those who are deaf or suffering from a hard-of-hearing loss.

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION:**

1. Miss no more than 0.5 hours of the program.
2. Actively participate in skill training.

<b>Grade Scale</b>	
<95% Attendance/Participation	"Pass"
>95% Attendance/Participation	"Fail"

### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

Applicants wishing to register for the Beginner American Sign Language Program:

Submit an application with course payment to Princeton Rescue Squad's Educational Department.

### **IMPACT ON ABILITY TO BENEFIT:**

#### **Academic and Technical Standards**

The Community Interest Courses at Princeton Rescue Squad has adopted the technical standards and essential functions of the certifying entity to ensure that students have the abilities required to participate and potentially be successful in all aspects of the program. Students are required to meet the technical standards and essential functions for the program as indicated below. If an applicant is unable to meet all of the outlined standards, he/she may withdraw from the program.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 [29 U.S. Section 794] prohibits Princeton Rescue Squad's Educational Institute from denying benefits to an "otherwise qualified" handicapped person solely because of his or her documented handicap. No qualified handicapped person shall be excluded from participation, admission, matriculation, or denied benefits or subjected to discrimination solely by reason of his or her handicap. However, a handicapped person can be required to meet the institutions "academic and technical standards." The Princeton Rescue Squad's Educational Department admissions process will not discriminate against qualified handicapped individuals but will expect Community Interest Course students to meet minimum academic and technical standards.

#### **Conclusion:**

Candidates or students who believe they qualify as a party with disabilities must inform Princeton Rescue Squad Education Department's program staff of the needs associated with their participation in the program a minimum of one month prior to the beginning of the program. All requests will be reviewed by the Education Director together with the Advisory Board. Granting any privileges will be at the discretion of the board.

All special need requests require documentation of the need from your primary care provider and/or specialist at the time of the initial request.

### **RIGHT TO PRACTICE**

Certification means verification that on the indicated class completion date the student demonstrated achievement of the required knowledge and hands on skill objectives to the satisfaction of a currently authorized ASL Trainer. Certification does not guarantee future performance or imply licensure or credentialing.

### **STUDENT SERVICES:**

The goal of Princeton Rescue Squad's Education Department is to "effectively and professionally provide quality educational experiences for students to meet the needs of the communities we serve." Therefore, the program provides the following measures to increase achievement:

- As time permits, remediation of inadequate skill performance for those experiencing difficulties.
- Assist students privately during breaks, lunch, or at the end of the class.
- Provide recommendations for additional training class opportunities if the required remediation is more than can be provided during a class.

## **Beginner American Sign Language Program Costs:**

### **Paid Directly to Princeton Rescue Squad for Program Participation: \$50.00**

- The \$50.00 dollars covers the cost of the following:
  - Student tuition \$40.00
  - Application fee \$5.00 (*non-refundable fee*)
  - Certification of completion \$5.00
- **Accepted Methods of Payment**
  - Cash, Check, Money Order, or Credit Card

## **TOPIC DESCRIPTIONS:**

### Level I:

This session will introduce the participant to deaf culture and focus on fingerspelling the alphabet and basic numbers.

*Didactic = 0.5, Laboratory = 1, Internship = 0*

### Level II:

Building on the lessons from level I, this session will add new ASL vocabulary to transition the learner into building ASL sentences and implementing basic conversation techniques.

*Didactic = 0.5, Laboratory = 1, Internship = 0*

### Level III:

The learner will continue to grow their understanding of the deaf culture and attending deaf centered events. Participants will strengthen their fingerspelling technique while using basic ASL to communicate both questions and answers. Finally, the student will initiate more complex ASL vocabulary to develop into sentences.

*Didactic = 0.5, Laboratory = 1, Internship = 0*