

Equivalency Criteria for American Sign Language at Grossmont College

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Note the following information:

- ✓ ▶ The discipline of American Sign Language currently falls under the California Community Colleges list of “Disciplines in Which a Master’s Degree is not Generally Expected or Available.” (pg. 20, Minimum Qualifications for Faculty and Administrators in California Community Colleges, February, 2008)
- ✓ ▶ The Minimum Qualifications are:
 - (1) Possession of a bachelor’s degree, or equivalent foreign degree, plus two years of professional experience directly related to the faculty member’s assignment; or
 - (2) Possession of an associate degree, or equivalent foreign degree, plus six years of professional experience directly related to the faculty member’s assignment. (pg. 20, Minimum Qualifications for Faculty and Administrators in California Community Colleges, February, 2008)

Educational Equivalency:

- Native or near native fluency in sign language.

And:

- 120 upper division units of college course work with 18+ units of coursework in ASL, Deaf studies, or related field.

Professional Experience Equivalency:

- Academic Internship OR
- American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLPI) Score of 3 or higher, OR
- Student teaching, OR
- Tutoring in ASL, OR
- Interpreting, OR
- Two years of experience teaching in the community related to the field of ASL (workshops, sign language classes, trainings, etc).
- Other related certificates demonstrating completion of training related to teaching ASL, OR
- 6+ years of demonstrated work or a body of research in the field of sign language

Equivalency for Associate degree and Six years of professional experience:

Educational Equivalency:

- Native or near native fluency in sign language.

And:

- 60 units of upper division coursework with 18 units in teaching, ASL, Deaf studies, or related field.

Equivalency for professional experience:

- 10+ years of demonstrated work or a body of research in the field of sign language. OR
 - Six years of experience teaching in the community related to the field of ASL (workshops, sign language classes, trainings, etc). OR
 - Certification in one of the following:
 - American Sign Language Teacher's Association (ASLTA) OR
 - American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLPI) Score of 3 or higher, OR
 - Signing Naturally curriculum training, OR
 - Professional Certificate in Teaching Second Languages, OR
 - Other related certificates demonstrating completion of training related to teaching ASL.
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- ✓ ► This document is what the American Sign Language (ASL) department prescribes as the equivalencies to meet the minimum qualifications that are currently in place through the California Community Colleges.
 - ✓ ► These equivalencies are based on the idea that basic teaching knowledge comes from coursework and/or work in the field.
 - ✓ ► These equivalencies should assist one in deciding whether or not he/she meets the requirements to apply and, possibly, interview for a teaching position. They do not guarantee an interview.
 - ✓ ► Should one believe he/she has the background to teach ASL, contact the Department Chair or Coordinator. It is possible a person's background is acceptable but the exact combination of work, certifications, professional experiences were not listed.