Description of ASL levels – which level should I register?

Foundations (mandatory)

- The introductory level covers essential topics such as the ASL alphabet, basic signs, and functional grammar rules.
- Designed to provide learners with the fundamental knowledge and skills needed to begin communicating in ASL.

Beginner

• Basic handshapes, finger-spelling, and fundamental signs to communicate simple greetings, expressions, and common everyday phrases.

Intermediate

• Learners deepen their understanding of the language by expanding their vocabulary, practicing more complex sentence structures, and learning to hold conversations on a wider range of topics. This level also focuses on enhancing receptive and expressive skills in ASL.

Advanced

- Learners demonstrate a high level of proficiency in both receptive and expressive skills.
- Engage in in-depth discussions, express nuanced ideas, and are capable of using ASL in various contexts, including professional and academic settings.
- Advanced learners often work on refining their fluency, cultural awareness, and specialized vocabulary within ASL.

Conversational

- Focuses on developing the ability to engage in natural, fluid conversations using ASL.
- Learners at this level work on improving their fluency, comprehension, and expression, allowing them to comfortably communicate with Deaf individuals and navigate everyday social interactions in ASL.