

## Language Learning Opportunities

### American Sign Language Groups

- Did you know that American Sign Language (ASL) is a recognized language in Canada?
- Is your family interested in learning another language?
- We have individual, family, or group sessions available.

If you are interested in individual (parents or guardians only) or family sessions, please contact us and one of us will get back to you to organize a schedule that works for you and the assigned staff. For group sessions, check out the timetable below and register the date, time, and level of your preference. If you are not sure of your level, please note the level descriptors below or connect with your previous instructor.

### Classes for Adults

Classes start the week of October 4 and end the week of December 3<sup>rd</sup>. (Please note, classes that take place on Thursdays will continue until December 9<sup>th</sup> as there is no class November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021)

**Registration Deadline: Monday September 27, 2021 at [FS@gov.bc.ca](mailto:FS@gov.bc.ca)**

ASL LEVEL	Instructors	Schedule
Introductory to ASL	Heather Kimola	Tuesdays 5:00 pm or 7:00 pm
Beginner 1	Heather Kimola	Thursdays 5:00 pm or 7:00 pm
Beginner 2	Roger Chan	Tuesdays 1:00 pm or 5:00 pm
Beginner 3	Roger Chan	Thursdays 5:00 pm or 7:00 pm
Beginner 4	Roger Chan	Tuesdays 2:30 pm or 6:30 pm
Beginner 5	David McGregor	Thursdays 5:00 pm or 7:00 pm
Intermediate/Advanced	Magda and Levi	Wednesday 10:00 am – 11:00 am
Introduction to Classifiers	Heather Kimola	Wednesdays 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

**If you are not sure which ASL level to register for, please read below class level descriptors. You can also connect with Roger Chan at [Roger.Chan@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Roger.Chan@gov.bc.ca) to inquire.**

#### Which level are you? Here are some basic ASL level descriptors:

##### **Introductory to ASL**

Students do not need any prior ASL experience – students can expect to learn the following: manual alphabet, numbers 1-20, basic introductions, greetings & responses, “wh” questions, days of the week, months, colors, “family” vocabulary, and basics of Deaf culture.

##### **Beginner Level One**

ASL students will learn more in depth greetings and farewells, learn about the 5 parameters of ASL, facial expressions and non-manual signals, asking for help, questioning, routines, deaf culture and practice simple receptive and expressive phrases.

##### **Beginner Level Two**

ASL students will learn background signs, location signs, vocabulary related to personal interests, the states and provinces, cities, deaf culture introduction to aspects of the structure of ASL, colors, possessive signs, technology signs, vocabulary related to addresses and telephones and months of the year.

**Beginner Level Three**

ASL students will learn signs related to school vocabulary, agent markers, looking at a map and referencing locations, initializations of certain words, classifiers, time, sports and activities, tenses, deaf culture, and practice more advanced receptive and expressive phrases.

**Beginner Level 4**

ASL students will learn signs about daily routines, spatial organization, frequency, household activities, noun-verb pairs, clothing, describing people, characteristics, health, the natural world, deaf culture and practice long receptive and expressive phrases and paragraphs with details, classifiers, and use of space to describe a story.

**Beginner Level 5**

ASL students will learn vocabulary related to the home and community, spatial visualization, money, getting around town, work, and study, using “to be”, food, animals, and deaf culture. This level will have opportunities to practice applying what you learned in previous levels into conversations.