

School of Languages, Linguistics and Cultures and the Division of Continuing Studies

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

Call for General Interest in Future Teaching Opportunities for Sessional Instructors for ASL Courses

Are you passionate about American Sign Language (ASL) and education? Do you want to share your expertise in a supportive and inclusive academic community? We invite expressions of interest for tentative future sessional teaching assignments. Term Sessional positions are within the CUPE 4163 (component 3) Sessional Lecturers certification.

Courses:

Information about the ASL courses can be found on the [American Sign Language Courses \(ASL\) page](#) of the UVic Calendar. Any future tentative positions would be subject to funding and enrolment criteria.

Primary Delivery Method: interactive and engaging in-person delivery.

These courses provide an excellent opportunity to inspire and empower students as they begin their ASL journey. Our instructors play a vital role in fostering communication skills, cultural awareness, and a deeper appreciation of the Deaf community.

Why Consider Joining Us?

- **Impactful Teaching:** Make a lasting impact by teaching students who are eager to learn ASL and connect with the Deaf community.
- **Professional Growth:** Collaborate with a vibrant community of educators committed to excellence in teaching and learning.
- **Supportive Environment:** Be part of a team working in a collegial and inclusive environment that values diversity and collaboration with access to UVic resources designed to foster a culture of exceptional teaching and innovation, promoting academic success and personal development.

What We Look For In Our Instructors:

Passionate and skilled educators with the following qualifications:

- **Certification:** Provincial ASL Instructor Certificate (BC) or equivalent.
- **Experience:** At least three years of experience teaching ASL to hearing adults, ideally in academic settings.
- **Skills:** Ability to effectively teach those who have little or no ASL skills, strong visual-gestural communication skills, and the ability to successfully collaborate and develop and maintain positive working relationships with students and colleagues.
- **Community Connection:** Knowledge of Deaf resources and active involvement in the Deaf community.

Next Steps:

You are welcome to send **your expression of interest** including the following:

1. **Cover Letter:** Indicate your interest in specific course(s) and share your vision for impactful teaching.
2. **Curriculum Vitae:** Highlight your qualifications and achievements.
3. **Teaching Portfolio:** Evidence of your successful teaching experience, such as evaluations, student feedback, or innovative methods.

With your permission, we will retain this expression of interest and respective materials for the next competition and contact you as soon as a new posting goes live. If you prefer that we do *not* keep your file, please let us know and we will delete it immediately.

Note: This is solely a statement of interest; Your CV will not be considered an application.

Submit Expressions of interest to: Dr. Sandra Kirkham, ASL Program Coordinator, School of Languages, Linguistics and Cultures, University of Victoria, PO BOX 1700, STN CSC Victoria, BC V8W 2Y2; aslprogramcoordinator@uvic.ca.

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The university is committed to upholding the values of equity, diversity, and inclusion in our living, learning and work environments. In pursuit of our values, we continue to seek members who would work respectfully and constructively with differences and across levels of power. We actively encourage statements of interest from members of groups experiencing barriers to equity. The University's full equity statement is located at www.uvic.ca/equitystatement.