



# ONLINE & IN-PERSON AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL) CLASSES WINTER SEMESTER 2024 INFORMATION

**MINIMUM AGE:** Students from Grade 9 or older can register for our sign language course.

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**CURRICULUM:** BRCCED uses a curriculum called “Signing Naturally” taught by our qualified Deaf instructors. The language you learn is the language used in everyday conversation. By learning language functions in interactive contexts, you also develop conversational skills in confirming and correcting information, expressing degrees of uncertainty, asking for clarification and repetition. Our virtual and in-person courses operate in ASL immersion style no-voice environment. This means that you will be asked to keep your voice turned off during your class.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,  
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American Sign Language (ASL) is native language of Deaf Individuals in North America. The Bob Rumball Canadian Centre of Excellence for the Deaf offer online and in-person classes in ASL, as a second language. Our courses are non-accredited, interest classes. However, to progress among the levels, students must receive Satisfactory Standing. We do not give out official Income Tax receipts but you can always contact Revenue Canada for further information.

## Winter 2024 Term Information

The Rumball Centre is focused on maintaining a safe and healthy environment on our site. We are planning for a winter semester that will allow for a return to a limited number of in-person classes. The majority of the classes will be continued to be delivered online.

To protect the health and safety of our community, stay home if you:

- Have COVID-19 symptoms
- Have travelled outside of Canada within the last 14 days
- Have been in close contact with someone who is sick with COVID-19 symptoms, "OR" who is waiting for a COVID-19 test result
- Have had a doctor, healthcare provider or public health tell you that you should currently be isolating (staying at home)
- Have received a COVID Alert exposure notification on cellphone

If you are feeling unwell, DO NOT enter the building. We have vulnerable residents who live on site and we need to protect them, as well as your fellow students and instructors. All students are encouraged to self-monitor.

In-person classes will be held in the gym to ensure physically distancing of 6 feet can be maintained. Physical distancing must be maintained at all times in the Centre. All spaces are cleaned and disinfected multiple times during the day, and hand sanitizers dispensers are located throughout the building. We will send an update before the classes start in this winter.

We are excited to welcome some of you back to the Rumball Centre in the coming months and thank you for your cooperation and support.

Wishing you a healthy, enjoyable winter semester!



### **COURSE CANCELLATION:**

Course may be cancelled if an insufficient number of students enroll. Every effort will be made to notify students by phone or e-mail. A full refund will be made for cancelled course. Please allow 3–6 weeks for processing and mail delivery.

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**BRCED offers a NEW, convenient way to register for our ASL Classes:**

You can now register ONLINE by completing the registration form and paying online (using PayPal). When you click "submit" on your registration form, you will be redirected to PayPal. You can then either log in with your PayPal account or choose to pay without an account. Please complete your credit card / debit card information. You will automatically receive a confirmation once payment has been made.

If you are unable to process your registration online, please contact Lisa Faria, Coordinator of Sign Language Services at [SignLanguageRegistration@bobrumball.org](mailto:SignLanguageRegistration@bobrumball.org) and other arrangements will be made.

### **COMPLETION OF LEVEL:**

Students who pass the dialogue test at the end of course will receive a letter of Standing. Upon successful completion of each Signing Naturally Curriculum Level One and Level Three graduates will receive a certificate of Achievement. You will receive a report card by e-mail.

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**PAYMENT:** Full payment for the course and material can be made by VISA, MASTERCARD or Debit.



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**WITHDRAWALS AND REFUNDS:** A written or an email request to withdraw must be received by Sign Language Services, before the second class, for a partial refund of course fees. Requests received after the second class will not be accepted. Letters can be faxed to Sign Language Services. Fees will be refunded, less an administration fee of \$20.00 per student. Workbooks and DVDs are non-refundable. All refunded fees will be reimbursed with a cheque. Please allow 3–6 weeks for processing and mail delivery of refund cheques.

# Winter 2024 Schedule

<p><b><u>ASL 1A (Units 1 - 3)</u></b> This course is the first level of our curriculum. No previous knowledge of American Sign Language (ASL) is required.</p>	<p>Sundays (ONLINE) 1:00 to 4:00 pm January 14 to March 24</p>
<p><b><u>ASL 1A (Units 1 - 3)</u></b> This course is the first level of our curriculum. No previous knowledge of American Sign Language (ASL) is required.</p>	<p>Tuesdays (ONLINE) 1:30 to 4:30 pm January 16 to March 19</p>
<p><b><u>ASL 1A (Units 1 - 3)</u></b> This course is the first level of our curriculum. No previous knowledge of American Sign Language (ASL) is required.</p>	<p>Wednesdays (ONLINE) 6:30 to 9:30 pm January 17 to March 20</p>
<p><b><u>ASL 1A (Units 1 - 3)</u></b> This course is the first level of our curriculum. No previous knowledge of American Sign Language (ASL) is required.</p>	<p>Thursdays (IN PERSON) 6:30 to 9:30 pm January 18 to March 21</p>
<p><b><u>ASL 1B (Units 4 - 6)</u></b> Prerequisite: ASL 1A program approval based on a placement test</p>	<p>Mondays (IN PERSON) 6:30 to 9:30 pm January 15 to March 25</p>
<p><b><u>ASL 1B (Units 4 - 6)</u></b> Prerequisite: ASL 1A program approval based on a placement test</p>	<p>Wednesdays (ONLINE) 6:30 to 9:30 pm January 17 to March 20</p>
<p><b><u>ASL 1C (Units 7 - 9)</u></b> Prerequisite: ASL 1B program approval based on a placement test</p>	<p>Tuesdays (ONLINE) 6:30 to 9:30 pm January 16 to March 19</p>
<p><b><u>ASL 1D (Units 10 - 12)</u></b> Prerequisite: ASL 1C program approval based on a placement test</p>	<p>Wednesday (ONLINE) 6:30 to 9:30 pm January 17 to March 20</p>
<p><b><u>ASL 1D (Units 10 - 12)</u></b> Prerequisite: ASL 1C program approval based on a placement test</p>	<p>Thursdays (IN PERSON) 6:30 to 9:30 pm January 18 to March 21</p>
<p><b><u>Specialty Class (Daily Routines)</u></b> This advanced ASL Specialty class will focus on the use of daily routines and activities to enhance your signing ability and practice turn-taking strategies in conversations. Not available for Level One.</p>	<p>Tuesdays (ONLINE) 6:30 to 8:30 pm January 16 to March 5</p>

Note: No classes on Sunday, February 18 & Monday, February 19th due to Family Day holiday

# Course fee

\$155 Each course  
(ASL 1A to ASL 1D)

Early Bird fee: (On / before Friday, January 5th)

\$165 Each course  
(ASL 1A to ASL 1D)

Regular fee: (After Friday, January 5th)

\$150 course

Specialty fee

# Material fee

\$130

Student workbook/DVD for ASL 1C & ASL 1D

Materials are non-refundable. Students who have pre-paid for their material will be able to pick up their material before the first class.

**\*\*Class times and dates are subject to change.\*\*** Students registering for any level that has a prerequisite who have not completed the previous level of ASL at BRCCED must take an online placement test to determine their level. Please e-mail Sign Language Services to arrange your placement test with the Coordinator. Charge of \$20 payable for assessment.

REMEMBER TO REGISTER EARLY TO ENSURE A SPACE IN YOUR FIRST CHOICE CLASS.

**\*\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\*\*\*** CONFIRMATION OF COURSE SELECTION / REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE SENT, THEREFORE UNLESS OTHERWISE INFORMED YOU SHOULD PROCEED TO YOUR FIRST CHOICE CLASS

