

Beginning American Sign Language (ASL) Level III

with **Amelia Skapura**

For adults ages 18+ of all abilities



American Sign Language is a beautiful, visual language. With signing, the brain processes linguistic information through the eyes, and facial expressions and body movements play an important part in conveying information. Remember, sign language is not a universal language. Each country has its own sign language much like the many languages spoken all over the world. Like any spoken language, ASL is a language with its own unique rules of grammar and syntax.

This Beginning ASL level 3 class will present the fundamentals of American Sign Language (ASL) whereby students develop expressive and receptive language skills through the learning of basic vocabulary, grammatical structures, and cultural awareness. This one-day weekly class will cover the following topics:

1. Agreement Verbs
2. Giving the Time and Telling the Years
3. Translating Sentences with "To Drive", "To Take", and "To Pick Up"
4. Calendars, Months, and Days
5. Descriptive, Locative, and Element Classifiers
6. ASL Stories, Watch and Discuss



Meet Your Instructor: Amelia Skapura, a St. Petersburg native, was born Deaf, however, it wasn't apparent until the age of three, when she was not responding to noise or spoken language. Amelia works as a Family Mentor and as a Medical Behavioral Assistant in a Deaf Ed classroom. She is passionate about working with children who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing and is a huge advocate for introducing ASL to prevent language deprivation. She has also taught ASL around the Tampa Bay area, she has worked with D/HH parents, ASL students, and MacDill Air Force Base employees who were working alongside Deaf/Hard of Hearing people.

Dates: Tuesdays, September 12 - October 17 from 6 - 7pm

Location: Zoom

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