

## ASL at UNR

1. Minor in American Sign Language
  - a. Launching Fall 2023
  - b. Includes In-Service Learning component
  - c. Fosters a cohort of ASL students
  - d. Will measure interest in an Interpreting major
2. Deaf Community Engagement Program
  - a. Provide students with exposure to fluent/native signers
  - b. Improves the cultural competency of our students
  - c. Partnership with our most important stakeholder: Deaf Community in Northern Nevada
  - d. Meaningful, paid opportunities on campus
  - e. Improved transition numbers from high school graduation to post-secondary
  - f. Respect for Deaf people's time and expertise
    - i. Deaf Teaching Assistants (\$20/hour)
    - ii. Deaf Tutors (\$20/hour)
    - iii. Deaf-lead end of year immersion weekend (stipend)
  - g. Video Library Development
    - i. We will record the stories and perspectives of Deaf people and use those videos for instruction in our program
    - ii. For each 3-5-minute video that meets formatting/topic requirements, we will pay \$40.
    - iii. Ongoing project to collect hundreds of stories and perspectives
    - iv. Priority given to Nevada residents
3. Baccalaureate in Sign Language Interpreting
  - a. Target roll-out date – Fall 2024
  - b. Will depend on data collection from the 23-24 school year
    - i. Enrollment/completion rates
    - ii. Cohort and interest

#### 4. Funding

- a. Institution pays base teaching salaries for three adjuncts and one full time lecturer
- b. If numbers grow there may be justification for additional instructors or the creation of another full-time position
- c. Deaf Community Engagement Program must be seeded/supported with grant funding.
  - i. Letters of support
  - ii. Evidence of need
  - iii. Detailed budget
  - iv. Plan for evaluating efficiency and success
- d. Potential Funders
  - i. The Marshall R. Matley Foundation, Reno
  - ii. E. L. Cord Foundation Grants
  - iii. NVEnergy Charitable Foundation
  - iv. Community Foundation of Western Nevada
  - v. Gardner Grant Foundation
  - vi. The Thelma B and Thomas P. Hart Foundation