

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE ENDORSEMENT SPECIFICATIONS

The American Sign Language Endorsement may be added to a Utah Educator License to qualify to teach American Sign Language (ASL) in Elementary or Secondary (grades K-12) ASL classes.

ENDORSEMENT REQUIREMENT AREAS

Only **one demonstration** of competency needed **per requirement area**.

Associate Endorsement Requirements: Must meet requirement area 1.

1. American Sign Language Proficiency

- [American Sign Language Proficiency Interview \(ASLPI\)](#) Rating: 3+ or higher
OR
- Bachelor's degree (or higher) in American Sign Language
OR
- [American Sign Language Teachers Association \(ASLTA\) Certification](#) at Teaching Certificate Level 1 or Teaching Certificate Level 2 **OR**
- [Utah Interpreter Program \(UIP\) Certification](#):
 - Utah Certified Professional Interpreter (UCPI) or
 - Utah Certified Deaf Interpreter (UCDI)

To schedule an [American Sign Language Proficiency Interview](#), please follow the following steps: The Sanderson Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is an approved proctor site for the Gallaudet University American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLPI).

The ASLPI takes place at the Sanderson Center over Videophone (VP) and is evaluated by the ASLPI diagnostic team at Gallaudet University. When registering, select only VP times slots and identify the Sanderson Center as the proctor site. Please direct questions about the ASLPI to the Gallaudet team. (202) 250-2394 (VP 1) (202) 846-8100 (VP 2) (202) 651-5222 (voice)

For questions about the local proctor, location, please contact the Utah Interpreter Program the Sanderson Center via email at UIP@utah.gov.

2. Deaf/Hearing-Impaired Cultural Competency and ASL Teaching Methods

- *Bachelor's degree (or higher) in one of the following:*
 - *Bilingual/Bicultural Education of Deaf/Hard of Hearing*
 - *Deaf Education*
 - *Deaf Studies*

OR

- *Teacher preparation program at a university in one of the following:*
 - *Deaf Education*
 - *American Sign Language*

OR

- [*American Sign Language Teachers Association \(ASLTA\) Certification*](#) at
Teaching Certificate Level 1 or Teaching Certificate Level 2

American Sign Language Teachers Association Information:

[Certified Level American Sign Language Teachers Association Certification program as Qualified or Professional Standards for Learning American Sign Language](#)

Utah State University: [Bilingual-Bicultural M.Ed. Education of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing](#)

Utah Valley University Program: [Utah Valley University](#) ASL and Deaf Studies Education (Discipline Core Requirements section, not from Education courses section).

Gallaudet University Laurent Clerc National Deaf Educations Center: [ASL Content Standards](#)

University of Utah: [About American Sign Language](#)

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Please submit application online in the Utah Educator Licensing Application system, [Survey Monkey Apply](https://usbelicensing.smapply.us) (<https://usbelicensing.smapply.us>)