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HIGHER EDUCATION &
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

New Program Report

Date Submitted:

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Institution

Ozarks Technical Community College

Site Information

Implementation Date:

6/3/2024 12:00:00 AM

Added Site(s):

Selected Site(s):

Ozarks Technical Community College, 1001 E. Chestnut Expressway, Springfield, MO, 65802

CIP Information

CIP Code:

160101

CIP Description:

A general program that focuses on one or more modern foreign languages that is not specific as to the name of the language(s) studied; that is otherwise undifferentiated; or that introduces students to language studies at the basic/elementary level.

CIP Program Title:

Foreign Languages and Literatures, General

Institution Program Title:

American Sign Language Certificate

Degree Level/Type

Degree Level:

Certificate >= 1 Year but < 2 Year

Degree Type:

Certificate 1

Options Added:

Collaborative Program:

N

Mode of Delivery

Current Mode of Delivery

Classroom

Online

Student Preparation

Special Admissions Procedure or Student Qualifications required:

There are no special admissions procedures or student qualifications required for this program.



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Specific Population Characteristics to be served:

n/a

Faculty Characteristics

Special Requirements for Assignment of Teaching for this Degree/Certificate:

A master's degree with 18 graduate hours of related coursework from an institutional accreditor of higher education.

Estimate Percentage of Credit Hours that will be assigned to full time faculty:

Estimated percentage of credit hours that will be assigned to full time faculty is 50%.

Expectations for professional activities, special student contact, teaching/learning innovation:

Faculty members are required to document twenty hours of professional development on an annual basis. Faculty members assist students with advisement who have designated this as their degree option.

Student Enrollment Projections Year One-Five

Year 1	Full Time: 15	Part Time: 5	
Year 2	Full Time: 20	Part Time: 10	
Year 3	Full Time: 20	Part Time: 12	Number of Graduates: 12
Year 4	Full Time: 25	Part Time: 15	
Year 5	Full Time: 25	Part Time: 15	Number of Graduates: 30

Percentage Statement:

90.00

Program Accreditation

Institutional Plans for Accreditation:

There are no plans to seek individual accreditation for this program. OTC's current institutional accreditation through the Higher Learning Commission provides adequate credentials for this degree.

Program Structure

Total Credits:

30

Residency Requirements:

A minimum of nine (9) hours of the last 15 credit hours.

General Education Total Credits:

30

Major Requirements Total Credits:

30

Course(s) Added

COURSE NUMBER	CREDITS	COURSE TITLE
ASL 100	3	History of Deafness
ASL 220	3	Conversational ASL



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ASL 102	3	American Sign Language II
ASL 101	3	American Sign Language I
COM 100	3	Introduction to Communication
ENG 101	3	Composition I
ASL 202	3	American Sign Language IV
ASL 221	3	Linguistics of ASL
ASL 201	3	American Sign Language III
ASL 115	3	Fingerspelling and Numbers

Free Elective Credits:

0

Internship or other Capstone Experience:

N/A

Assurances

I certify that the program is clearly within the institution's CBHE-approved mission. The proposed new program must be consistent with the institutional mission, as well as the principal planning priorities of the public institution, as set forth in the public institution's approved plan or plan update.

I certify that the program will be offered within the proposing institution's main campus or CBHE-approved off-site location.

I certify that the program will not unnecessarily duplicate an existing program of another Missouri institution in accordance with 6 CSR 10-4.010, subsection (9)(C) Submission of Academic Information, Data and New Programs.

I certify that the program will build upon existing programs and faculty expertise.

I certify that the program can be launched with minimal expense and falls within the institution's current operating budget.

I certify that the institution has conducted research on the feasibility of the proposal and it is likely the program will be successful. Institutions' decision to implement a program shall be based upon demand and/or need for the program in terms of meeting present and future needs of the locale, state, and nation based upon societal needs, and/or student needs.

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American Sign Language Certificate of Achievement – 30 Credit Hours

Certificate: 30 Hours

The American Sign Language (ASL) Certificate Program provides students with a deeper understanding of ASL, fostering proficiency in both expressive and receptive skills. The program prepares students across disciplines with the knowledge and skills necessary to communicate with and interact professionally with users of the language. This program allows students to gain knowledge and skills to better prepare them for interactions in professional career settings and provide vital language skills for evolving work environments.

Students will learn the fundamentals of ASL, receptive and expressive skills, societal competence, conversational skills, and technical vocabulary necessary for working with and interacting with users of the language. Career fields served by this program include early childhood, special education, mental health, gerontology, behavioral health support, business, fine arts, deaf studies, and allied health.

FALL

COM 100	Introduction to Communication	3
ENG 101	Composition I	3
ASL 101	American Sign Language I (A Block)	3
ASL 102	American Sign Language II (B Block)	3
ASL 100	History of Deafness	3

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ASL 201	American Sign Language III (A Block)	3
ASL 202	American Sign Language IV (B Block)	3
ASL 115	Fingerspelling and Numbers	3
ASL 220	Conversational ASL	3
ASL 221	Linguistics of ASL	
COM 100	Introduction to Communication	3