

## **Exemption Request: Professional Deaf Resources Liaison Certificate**

The Communication, Sciences and Disorders department is requesting an exemption for the Professional Resources Deaf Resources Liaison Certificate.

### **Exemption Request:**

We are requesting an exemption to the maximum number of credit hours (24 credit hours) permitted for an undergraduate certificate. Including the pre-requisites to the certificate, CSD 1110 Elementary ASL I (4 credit hours) and CSD 1120 Elementary ASL II (4 credit hours), the total credit hours needed to complete the certificate is 29 credit hours.

### **Rationale:**

American Sign Language, as with any L2 language, requires high level, technical skill development. Four semesters of language acquisition are insufficient to develop higher level communication techniques needed for students to be able to effectively apply and utilize the Professional Deaf Resources Liaison Certificate. In addition, as the language of a marginalized culture, sensitivity and empathy are essential to culturally appropriate language development and use. The required and elective courses for the Professional Deaf Resources Liaison Certificate have been carefully selected to represent the skill set needed for students to appropriately and effectively apply the certificate in real-world situations in which they are interacting with members of the deaf community.

### **Consultations:**

The following individuals were consulted, and approval was sought for the Professional Deaf Resources Liaison Certificate to proceed. Documentation and/or letters of support from each are provided in OCEAN 1.9.

1. Howard Dewald, Associate Provost for Faculty and Academic Planning
2. Sally Marinellie, Senior Associate Dean, College of Health Sciences and Professions (Note: John McCarthy, Interim Dean, College of Health Sciences and Professions was also consulted.)
3. Jim Montgomery, Director, Communication Sciences and Disorders