

# Requirements for Master Level Certification:



AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE  
TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

## FOR PORTFOLIO OF TEACHING EXCELLENCE

### Candidates need to submit:

- Teaching Philosophy Video (2 minutes) which includes:
  - Teaching Methods
  - Evidence of how you use multiple teaching strategies
  - Examples of how inclusive classroom practices are conducted
- Syllabus developed for an advanced (3 year or higher course) or specialized level course which was developed by the candidate.
- Teaching Demonstration/Lesson Plan/Materials Video (10 minutes) for an advanced or specialized level course which includes:

Teaching Demonstration	Written Lesson Plan	Materials
Grammatical/linguistic component	Vocabulary/semantics	All materials for the lesson must be included and the lesson must be the same as the one being demonstrated
Cultural component	Activities	
Evidence of Multiple teaching strategies	SLOs/Outcomes/Objectives	
Use of communication Use of communication behaviors, classroom layout and other ASLCentric classroom techniques		
Creative use of Technology		

- Assessment Tools/Materials (Video and Written)
  - An example of an assignment and any grading materials for the assignment
  - An example of a quiz and any grading material for the quiz
  - An example of an exam and any grading material for the quiz
  - Video (4 minutes) should explain how each of these are used and any objectives or goals measured by each assessment tool. Overall course goals should be explained as well.

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## FOR THE DOCUMENTATION OF EXPERIENCE

### Candidates need to submit:

- Curriculum Vitae (CV) which includes 4 parts:
  - Educational background | **Teaching background** | Professional Development evidence & hours | **Deaf Community service**
- Transcripts/Degrees (Must have BA or higher)
- ASLPI score of 4 or higher, SLPI: ASL rating of Advanced Plus or higher or other proficiency interviews that may be approved in the future

## FOR REQUIRED COURSEWORK, CANDIDATES MUST HAVE COMPLETED THE FOLLOWING COURSEWORK (3 credit hours each):

- ASL Literature
- ASL Linguistics
- Deaf Culture/Deaf Community
- Teaching Methods (ASL or Foreign Language)
- Assessment Tools
- Curriculum Development **OR** Language Acquisition

- Evidence of contribution to the field such as:
  - Publications | Conference presentations | Mentoring | Service on Board of ASL related organization | Community advocacy | ASL/Deaf Community service
- Explanation of Advocacy situation (scenario will be provided)
  - Shows evidence of critical thinking skills | Utilizes appropriate resources | Cites relevant research
- Select a topic from Teaching Methods related to ASL or Foreign Languages, Assessment, Curriculum Development **OR** Language Acquisition and develop a mini presentation of about 30 minutes which includes:
  - English Abstract (200 words) and ASL Abstract (2 minutes) | Outline or PowerPoint | Bibliography of video or written resources

*Candidates without formal coursework evidence can be interviewed to determine if candidate has sufficient knowledge of specific field in lieu of coursework. Each course not completed entails a separate interview. Interviews will be at additional cost to the candidate. This option only applies to candidates who are applying for the Master Certification after having attained the Certified level. After portfolio is completed, candidate will be contacted for a required follow up interview to focus on 3 parts: discussion about the candidate's mini presentation (from #7) and to inquire about professional development and how feedback is collected and delivered.*