



American Sign Language (ASL) Teacher

Job Description

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Note:

This position requires teachers to be able to teach classes in-person in the Chattanooga, TN, area.

Job Summary

Language teachers at CSL provide quality, highly-relational classes that are encouraging, confidence-building, and effective in helping students reach their unique goals. They seek to foster community, through the connectivity of language, in all they do. They are focused on bringing people and cultures together.

We are currently in need of a part-time ASL teacher. Preference given to native signers with teaching experience.

Responsibilities & Duties

- Teach for 6+ hours per week (10-20 hours preferred)
- Teach in person in the Chattanooga area, at local schools, businesses and at the CSL location (St. Elmo)
- Must have flexibility in scheduling and be available to teach in the morning hours/during the day and afternoons, depending on the need
- Teach at local schools during the 3-5pm time range on multiple days a week (Mon-Fri) (for after-school programming) Teach on some Saturdays (as needed depending on programming needs)
- Teach a wide variety of ages, ranging from young children to adults, in both group and one-on-one settings; this could include elementary-aged students, toddlers and families, business professionals or adult learners
- Teach on-site at local schools and/or businesses (i.e. after-school kids' classes)
- Plan well for every class and provide appropriate resources to students through CSL's Google Drive
- Work to integrate Comprehensible Input (CSL's foundational methodology) principles and activities into every class (training will be provided if you're not already familiar with CI practices)
- Check in to CSL's communication platforms (Gmail and Slack) at least once every weekday and respond to all communications within 24 hours and all internal task requests within 48 hours
- Complete all required weekly administrative tasks (i.e. attendance, scheduling, etc.)
- Attend required team meetings, quarterly check-in meetings with CSL's manager, quarterly colleague support meetings with a fellow team member, and various professional development opportunities and team functions throughout the year



- Maintain professionalism and an encouraging, constructive, and validating demeanor in all interactions with students and fellow team members

Qualifications & Skills

- Advanced proficiency in American Sign Language (preference given to native signers)
- (*preferred, but not required*) Advanced proficiency in another language you would also be willing to teach (i.e. Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian or Spanish)
- ASL language teaching experience
 - **or** ASL interpretation experience + teaching experience (of any kind)
- Ability to develop customized curriculum and remain flexible and adaptable to suit student needs/desires
- Excellent people skills
- Team player mindset; but able to work well independently
- Passionate about sharing your language and culture with others and supporting students on their journey toward achieving their unique language learning goals
- Willing to be trained and eager to learn about the CSL teaching methods and philosophies about language acquisition

- Degrees and certifications related to ASL and/or teaching preferred, but not required
- Previous experience teaching with comprehension-based methods preferred, but not required

- If candidate has other administrative, communications, and/or marketing skills and experience, these will also be taken into account and could lead to a broader role at CSL beyond the teacher role

Compensation & Perks

- Flexible schedule
 - Please note that weekly hours may fluctuate, depending on the demand of student needs and interests
- Opportunity to teach both in-person at various locations (schools, businesses, CSL)
- Supportive and empowering team culture + community of continuous learning and innovation
- Paid professional development opportunities

- \$30/hr teaching rate (starting rate)
- Additional weekly \$15/hr administrative rate (for required meetings, trainings, and other administrative tasks)
- Additional perks after six months



- After completion of six months of teaching for CSL, compensation rates and opportunities may increase depending on a teacher's amount of weekly teaching hours

How to Apply

Interested applicants must complete [this form](#). Incomplete applications will not be considered.