

VCC Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Is Growing

Vancouver Community College is putting out a new “Welcome” mat for deaf and hard of hearing adults. The B.C. government has given VCC more money for new teachers and classes so deaf and hard of hearing persons can improve their skills for better education and jobs. The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program (DHH) now offers:

- English upgrading classes
- Speech-reading and oral communication
- American Sign Language (ASL) class for deaf and hard of hearing adults
- Job Readiness Program

The English upgrading classes cover all levels up to an advanced level. It provides students with two classroom communication choices: ASL or Sim-Com (signing with speech). It hopes to offer an evening English class for deaf adults in the fall.

The speech-reading / oral communication area gives deaf and hard of hearing students an opportunity to improve their oral communication skills. Students can learn in one-to-one tutorials and in small groups.

The ASL class is good for deaf / hard of hearing adults who moved to Canada from different countries or who do not have good signing skills. This class covers ASL communication, Deaf culture, and many other things.

The Job Readiness Program gives students the chance to develop new skills in finding and keeping jobs. Students practice these skills before they go on work experiences in jobs that they think they would like to have.

Tuition is free for Canadian citizens or permanent residents 18 years or older. Application fees and student fees are extra. This is an exciting opportunity for the deaf and hard of hearing community. Don't miss your chance! Space is limited - hurry up and register now for this fall!

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