



October 27, 2024

W. Randy Smith, Vice Provost  
Council on Academic Affairs  
Bricker Hall  
CAMPUS

Dear Randy:

I am pleased to endorse the proposal by the Center for American Sign Language and Deaf Equity to create a certificate in American Sign Language Elementary-Level Teaching, effective Autumn 2025. The Center for American Sign Language and Deaf Equity will be responsible for overseeing the certificate. The certificate (Types 2) is focused on post Baccalaureate students.

This certificate addresses critical workforce shortages in American Sign Language instruction. The curriculum will provide training for individuals interested in teaching American Sign Language in higher education settings. This is part of a broader initiative by the college to provide training and education around American Sign Language and Deaf Equity. The certificate does not duplicate any other currently offered at Ohio State. It has the full support of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Sincerely,

Andrew W. Martin  
Associated Dean for Undergraduate Education  
Professor, Department of Sociology