



NEWS RELEASE

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COMMUNICATING WITH THE HEARING IMPAIRED

Sign Language, at the Intermediate level, is being offered by Cariboo College this winter. This course is a continuation of the Beginner's level course but is open to anyone who has a basic knowledge of the commonly-used words (approximately 350 words).

The Intermediate Sign Language class, instructed by Teresa McGarry, will have a threefold focus: the development of non-verbal communication techniques, the development of the use of space for meaning, and the acquisition of a conversational vocabulary of approximately 800 words. There will be a variety of classroom interactive activities to facilitate the language learning process.

McGarry has worked with a variety of hearing impaired students from the pre-school to the post-secondary level. She received her Diploma in Education of the Hearing Impaired from the University of British Columbia and holds a Diploma in Sign Language Interpreting from Vancouver Community College.

McGarry's purpose for teaching this course is to enable people to be more aware of the world of silence, to help them learn to "hear a hand".

Intermediate Sign Language will be offered for 5 weeks, Monday and Wednesday evenings, commencing March 4 from 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. For more information and registration contact Cariboo College, Extension Services at 374-3661.

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