# INTRODUCTION TO DEAF CULTURE, AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE, AND MENTAL HEALTH

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This course presents a basic introduction to Deaf culture. Subjects include different deaf identities and the role of Deaf culture as a foundation of community. This will include an overview of American Sign Language as a relevant factor to Deaf culture, development, education, and mental health. Also covered will be important events in Deaf history that have added and aided in defining Deaf culture.

Level of Curriculum Content: Introductory

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## **ABOUT THE PRESENTER**

**David M. Feldman, Ph.D.** is an associate professor of psychology at Nova Southeastern University, in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and licensed psychologist. He is a graduate of both the school counseling (MA) and clinical psychology (Ph.D.) programs at Gallaudet University. Dr. Feldman has published articles and book chapters, and has presented at numerous professional and community venues on area related to a variety of Deaf issues. He is considered an expert in the evaluation of the Deaf and hard-of-hearing and has been called on as a consultant for courts, vocational rehabilitation, school districts, psychiatric hospitals, and assisted living facilities.

# **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**

Participants will be able to:

- Describe "Deaf culture" and the different ways deaf people identify themselves.
- Explain the importance of ASL for Deaf people and as a part of Deaf culture.
- Discuss how one's deafness and the Deaf community may influence development, education, and overall mental health.

### PROGRAM AGENDA

10:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.	Deaf culture, identity, and ASL
10:40 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.	The role of development and education on Deaf identity
11:20 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	The influence of Deafness and culture on mental health

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