



American Sign Language (ASL) Teacher Position

WHAT'S THE ROLE IN BRIEF?

The Hands of Hope Foundation is a registered Christian non-profit organization focusing on children at risk in northern Thailand. We are based in Chiang Rai and have a vision to create a "Family School" environment where kids are loved and provided with the opportunity to live in a safe family home environment. This vision also encompasses a small educational facility where a wide-range of children from Elementary to Senior level are taught a results-based curriculum, life-skills, work ethic, and also how to have fun and experience the joy of learning and achieving their individual dreams.

We are looking for an ASL Teacher to join our team and provide instruction to students of all levels. Our school is newly established and one of our students has a hearing disability which will require the special skills that an ASL teacher can bring to the class room to encourage our student to be fully included in all activities as a participant and not an observer. The ASL teacher will also teach sign to the other 14 students currently enrolled, and our four international volunteers to enable clear communication for our student.

The ideal candidate will have experience teaching ASL, and will be able to create engaging and effective lesson plans. This person will also be patient and have the ability to adapt their teaching style to meet the needs of each individual student. The ASL Teacher will be responsible for teaching classes, developing curriculum, and assessing student progress. This person will also be required to maintain accurate records and communicate regularly with students and parents.

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

The duties and responsibilities we envision are:

- To provide ASL instruction to students of all levels in a classroom setting;
- To develop and implement curriculum goals and objectives that are consistent with the school district's philosophy, policies, and procedures;
- To create an atmosphere and environment conducive to maximum student learning;
- To establish and maintain cooperative relationships with those contacted in the course of work;
- To model exemplary behaviour for students;
- To enforce all district rules and regulations governing student conduct and discipline;
- To evaluate each student's progress and prepare progress reports as required;
- To participate in faculty committees and professional development activities as requested or assigned;
- To perform other duties as may be assigned by the principal from time to time;
- Maintain knowledge of current research and trends in the field of ASL and Deaf Education;
- Attend workshops and conferences related to ASL teaching and Deaf Education;
- Learn to communicate in THSL (Thai Sign Language);
- Be able to communicate with deaf members of the Church and provide sign language during the Sunday service;



- Have a servant heart: and
- Serve as a resource to colleagues, administrators, and parents on issues related to ASL and Deaf Education.

REQUIRED SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS

- A Bachelor's degree;
- Native-level fluency in ASL;
- Experience teaching ASL;
- Ability to develop curriculum and lesson plans;
- Excellent communication, presentation, and organizational skills;
- Experience with distance learning technologies;
- Familiarity with deaf culture; and.
- Classroom management skills.

WHERE IS THIS ROLE BASED?

You will be working in our Chiang Rai, Thailand location.

WHAT IS THE MINIMUM TIME COMMITMENT?

Due to the nature of our organization, SWAT strongly encourages all volunteers to make a minimum two-year commitment.

HOW MANY HOURS PER WEEK?

This role is full-time, working 40 hours/week.

REMUNERATION

This position is for a volunteer. The volunteer will need to fund their own travel costs, transport, and be financially able to support any other living costs while overseas.

Traditionally, our volunteers have achieved this through fundraising and donations.

HOW TO APPLY

If this sounds like a volunteer role for you, please apply online to our International HR Director: jmcmillan@swatministryintl.org

Jim would be excited to hear from you.

**** As our organisation is continually growing, the needs of each of our positions are subject to change. Job Descriptions will be reviewed and adjusted as needed upon biannual Staff Reviews****