



## **Sign Language Interpreter C.A.**

Career Community: Communication, Journalism, and Language

Curriculum Code: 0187

Effective: Fall 2022 – Summer 2027

### **Description**

A Sign Language Interpreter is a person specially trained to facilitate communication between the Deaf, Deaf/Blind, Hard of Hearing, and hearing communities. Employment opportunities may be educational settings, freelance, or contracted with agencies to provide interpreter services for deaf persons. State of Michigan PA 204 of 2007 states that interpreters must possess certification in order to be employed. State credentials Board for Evaluation of Interpreters (BEI), are available through the Bureau of Community and Health Systems (BCHS) in Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) for the State of Michigan. To apply for BEI certification in Michigan, you must have at least an associate degree from an accredited institution. In addition to the State of Michigan credentials, graduates may also consider taking the Education Interpreters Performance Assessment (EIPA) or National Interpreter Certification (NIC). Not all courses in this program transfer to all colleges. Students planning to transfer should see an academic advisor before enrolling in any course. Students planning to enroll in the Interpreter Training Program must meet with a faculty advisor from the Sign Language Interpreter Program.

### **Milestone**

Completion of SIGN 163, SIGN 167, and SIGN 170 with a 2.0 or higher is a key component for success in completing this program. Knowledge obtained in these courses may be the foundation for learning in other required courses. Students are encouraged to contact their faculty if they need additional assistance with learning the concepts presented in these courses.

### **Additional Information**

Entrance to the Interpreter Training Program is granted by passing a screening implemented by the Sign Language Program. Students who have successfully completed, with a minimum 2.0, or are currently enrolled in SIGN 163 (American Sign Language III), SIGN 166 (Fingerspelling), SIGN 167 (Beginning Sign to Voice), and SIGN 170 (Expressive/Receptive ASL) are eligible to screen.

Students must receive at least a 2.5 in ALL 200-level SIGN courses to complete this certificate.

### **Contact Information**

Contact the Communication, Media and the Arts Department, Gannon Building, Room 1222, telephone number 517-483-1546 or the Sign Language Interpreter Program, 517-483-5329 or [signadvising@star.lcc.edu](mailto:signadvising@star.lcc.edu).

## Program of Study Required Courses

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
SIGN 160	Intro to the Deaf Community	3 / 3
SIGN 161	American Sign Language I	3 / 3
SIGN 162	American Sign Language II	3 / 3
SIGN 163	American Sign Language III	3 / 3
SIGN 166	Fingerspelling	3 / 3
SIGN 167	Beginning Sign to Voice	3 / 3
SIGN 170	Expressive/Receptive ASL	3 / 3
SIGN 200	Applied Skill in the Workplace	2 / 2
SIGN 240	Intro to Transliterating	3 / 3
SIGN 261	Principles of Interpreting	3 / 3
SIGN 263	Intermediate Sign to Voice	3 / 3
SIGN 266	Educational Interpreting	2 / 2
SIGN 267	Sign Practicum I	3 / 3
SIGN 268	Sign Practicum II	3 / 3

## Program of Study Required Courses, Limited Choice – *Select one*

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
SIGN 164	American Sign Language IV	3 / 3
SIGN 176	Advanced Fingerspelling	2 / 2

## Minimum Total Credit Hours

42 credits / 42 billing hours

## Recommended Course Sequence

Semester I (Fall)
SIGN 160
SIGN 161
Semester II (Spring)
SIGN 162
SIGN 166
Semester III (Summer)
SIGN 163 – Milestone course
SIGN 167 – Milestone course
SIGN 170 – Milestone course

Semester IV (Fall)
SIGN 200
SIGN 240
SIGN 261
Limited Choice (if choosing SIGN 164)

Semester V (Spring)
SIGN 263
SIGN 267
Limited Choice (If choosing SIGN 176)

Semester VI (Summer)
SIGN 266
SIGN 268

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