Sign Language Interpreter A.A.A.

Career Community: Communication, Journalism, and Language
Curriculum Code: 0282
Effective: Fall 2023 – Summer 2028
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Description

A Sign Language Interpreter is a person specially trained to facilitate communication between the Deaf, DeafBlind, Hard of Hearing, and hearing communities. Employment opportunities may be in educational settings, freelance, or contracted with agencies to provide interpreting services for D/deaf persons. State of Michigan PA 204 of 2007 states that interpreters must possess certification in order to be employed. The State of Michigan regulates all required certifications under Licensing and Regulatory Affairs' (LARA) Bureau of Community and Health Systems (BCHS) and state credential testing is through the Board for Evaluation of Interpreters (BEI). To apply for BEI certification in Michigan, you must have at least an associate degree from an accredited institution and pass a Test of English Proficiency. In addition to BEI certification for the State of Michigan, graduates may also consider taking the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) for interpreting in educational settings only, or National Interpreter Certification (NIC) for nationally recognized certification. Not all courses in this pathway transfer to all colleges. Students who wish to transfer to a four-year institution should select coursework indicated for that institution and may also complete coursework for a Communication, Journalism, and Language Enhanced AA, Sign Language Interpreter track, degree. The Enhanced AA option allows students to transfer additional credits toward the Bachelor's degree. Institutions accepting credits from the Enhanced AA, Sign Language Interpreter track, include Gallaudet University and Siena Heights University. Students planning to enroll must meet with a faculty advisor from the Sign Language Interpreter Program.

Milestone

In addition to the required General Education courses in Math and English, 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 is 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. Once students 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), then they are eligible to screen.

To complete this degree, students must receive at least a 2.5 in ALL 200-level SIGN courses and complete 400 practicum hours - 240 hours their second year of the program (sophomore year)

and 160 hours their third year of the program (junior year) - while also satisfying the individual category requirements. For questions related to the practicum, please contact the Practicum Supervisor by email (signpracticum@star.lcc.edu).

Contact Information
For further information, including career options, course substitutions and waivers, etc., 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, signadvising@star.lcc.edu.

General Education – Applied Degrees, Recommended Courses
Select courses as indicated for specific transfer institutions. These courses are preferred General Education courses listed on Transfer Articulation agreements. The recommended courses in each General Education category also meet Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) requirements. If no course is indicated, choose from the list of options under General Education. A minimum grade of 2.0 is required for each General Education course.

- English Composition or Applied English – *Select one*
  Communication, Journalism, and Language Career Community Courses will meet this requirement

- English Composition (second course)/Communication or Applied Communication
  Communication, Journalism, and Language Career Community Courses will meet this requirement.

- Humanities and Fine Arts or Social Sciences or Applied Social Sciences
  Program of Study Required Courses will meet this requirement

- Mathematics or Applied Mathematics – *Select one*
  Communication, Journalism, and Language Career Community Courses will meet this requirement.

- Natural Sciences Lab or Applied Science and Technology Lab – *Select one*
  Program of Study Required Courses will meet this requirement

Communications and Language Career Community Courses – *These courses are required for all Communications and Language programs (Communication, Sign Language Interpreter, and World Language). Some courses meet General Education requirements for MTA. A minimum of 2.0 is required to meet LCC degree requirements for General Education courses and for all courses to transfer to other colleges (some colleges, and some programs within colleges, require a higher grade in a course).*

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ACAD 100	First-Year Experience	1 / 1

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
COMM 120 or	Dynamics of Communication	3 / 3
COMM 130 or	Fundamentals Public Speaking	3 / 3
ENGL 122 or	Composition II	4 / 4
ENGL 132 or	Honors Composition II	4 / 4
SIGN 160	Intro to the Deaf Community	3 / 3
DMAC 260 or	World Cinema	4 / 4
ENGL 200 or	Introduction to Literature	3 / 3
JAPN 121 or	Elementary Japanese I	4 / 4
SIGN 162 or	American Sign Language II	3 / 3
SPAN 121 or	Elementary Spanish I	4 / 4
THEA 110	Introduction to Theater	3 / 3
ENGL 121 or	Composition I	4 / 4
ENGL 131	Honors Composition I	4 / 4
LING 230 or	Introduction to Linguistics	3 / 3
SIGN 161	American Sign Language I	3 / 3
MATH 119 or	Math – Applications for Living	4 / 4
MATH 120 or	College Algebra	4 / 4
STAT 170	Introduction to Statistics	4 / 4

Notes:

ACAD 100 may be waived when students meet one of the following College-approved waiver criteria:

- Completion of 12 college-level credits with minimum grades of 2.0 shown on the LCC transcript (including transfer, if applicable), or
- Employment in the field of, or a field related to, the degree being sought, or
- For Health Careers students, successful completion of CHSE 100.

Students wishing to waive ACAD 100 should contact their advisor.

Sign Language Interpreting students must choose SIGN 160, SIGN 161, and SIGN 162.

For future transfer to Gallaudet University, choose MATH 119.

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 164	American Sign Language IV	3 / 3
SIGN 166	Fingerspelling	3 / 3
SIGN 167	Beginning Sign to Voice	3 / 3

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
SIGN 170	Expressive/Receptive ASL	3 / 3
SIGN 200	Sign Practicum Seminar	2 / 2
SIGN 240	Intro to Transliterating	3 / 3
SIGN 250	Deaf Culture and History	3 / 3
SIGN 260	Linguistic Principles of ASL	3 / 3
SIGN 263	Intermediate Sign to Voice	3 / 3
SIGN 266	Post-Secondary Interpreting	2 / 2
SIGN 267	Sign Practicum I	3 / 3
SIGN 268	Sign Practicum II	3 / 3
SIGN 270	Advanced Interpreting	3 / 3
SIGN 271	Advanced Sign to Voice	3 / 3
SIGN 293	Principles of Interpreting	3 / 3
SIGN 296	Specialized Interpreting	2 / 2

Note: If SIGN 160, SIGN 161, or SIGN 162 were completed as part of the Career Community block, do not repeat enrollment.

Program of Study Required Courses, Limited Choice – Humanities and Fine Arts or Social Science or Applied Social Science - *Select one*

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
COMM 280	Intercultural Communication	3 / 3
SOCL 120	Introduction to Sociology	4 / 4

Program of Study Required Courses, Limited Choice – Natural Sciences Lab or Applied Sciences and Technology Lab *- Select one as indicated for each transfer institution. If a specific course is not indicated, select any course.*

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ANTH 275	Biological Anthropology	4 / 4
ANTH 280	Forensic Anthropology	3 / 3
ASTR 201	Introductory Astronomy	4 / 5
BIOL 120	Environmental Science	4 / 6
BIOL 121	Biol Foundation for Physiology	4 / 6
BIOL 125	Introductory Biology	4 / 6
BIOL 127	Cell Biology	4 / 6
BIOL 128	Organismal Biology	4 / 6
BIOL 145	Intro Anatomy and Physiology	4 / 6
BIOL 201	Human Anatomy	4 / 6
BIOL 202	Human Physiology	4 / 5
BIOL 203 and	Microbiology	3 / 3
BIOL 204	Microbiology Laboratory	1 / 3
BIOL 210	Natural Resource Conservation	4 / 6

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
BIOL 260	Botany	4 / 6
BIOL 265	Zoology	4 / 6
CHEM 135	Chemistry in Society	4 / 5
CHEM 151 and	General Chemistry Lecture I	4 / 4
CHEM 161	General Chemistry Lab I	1 / 3
CHEM 152 and	General Chemistry Lecture II	3 / 3
CHEM 162	General Chemistry Lab II	1 / 3
CHEM 182 and	Introductory Organic Chemistry	3 / 3
CHEM 192	Intro Organic Chem Lab	1 / 3
CHEM 262	Quantitative Analysis	3 / 6
CHEM 272	Organic Chemistry Laboratory	2 / 6
GEOG 220	Weather, Forecasting & Climate	4 / 4
GEOG 221	Physical Geography	4 / 4
GEOL 221	Physical Geology	4 / 6
GEOL 222	Historical Geology	4 / 6
GEOL 230	Environmental Geology	4 / 6
ISCI 121	Physical Science Concepts	4 / 6
ISCI 131	Integrated Physical Science	4 / 6
PHYS 120	The Art of Physics	4 / 5
PHYS 200	Intro to Applied Physics	4 / 5
PHYS 221	Introductory Physics I	4 / 6
PHYS 222	Introductory Physics II	4 / 6
PHYS 251	Physics I with Calculus	5 / 7
PHYS 252	Physics II with Calculus	5 / 7

Note: For future transfer to Gallaudet University, choose BIOL 145.

Minimum Total Credit Hours
71 credits / 71 billing hours

Recommended Course Sequence

Semester I (Fall)
ACAD 100
ENGL 121 or ENGL 131
SIGN 160
SIGN 161
Limited Choice – Humanities and Fine Arts or Social Science or Applied Social Science

Semester II (Spring)
MATH 119, MATH 120, or STAT 170
SIGN 162

Semester II (Spring)
SIGN 166
Limited Choice – Natural Sciences Lab or Applied Sciences and Technology Lab

Semester III (Summer)
SIGN 163
SIGN 167
SIGN 170

Semester IV (Fall)
SIGN 164
SIGN 200
SIGN 240
SIGN 250 (can be taken semester IV or VII)

Semester V (Spring)
SIGN 260 (can be taken in semester V or VIII)
SIGN 263
SIGN 267

Semester VI (Summer)
SIGN 266
SIGN 268

Semester VII (Fall)
SIGN 250 (can be taken semester IV or VII)
SIGN 270
SIGN 293

Semester VIII (Spring)
SIGN 260 (can be taken semester V or VIII)
SIGN 271
SIGN 296

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