



## Sign Language Interpreter C.A.

Curriculum Code: 0187

Effective: Fall 2021 – Summer 2026

### 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. Entrance to the Interpreter Program is granted by passing a screening implemented by the Sign Language Program. Students who have successfully completed 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. 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 Professional Licensing (BPL) 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 Program must meet with a faculty advisor from the Sign Language Interpreter Program.

### Additional Information

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, [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 176	Advanced Fingerspelling	2 / 2
SIGN 200	Applied Skill in the Workplace	2 / 2

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
SIGN 240	Intro to Transliteration	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

### Total Credit Hours

42 credits / 42 billing hours

### Recommended Course Sequence

Semester I (Fall)	Semester II (Spring)
SIGN 160	SIGN 162
SIGN 161	SIGN 166

Semester III (Summer)	Semester IV (Fall)
SIGN 163	SIGN 200
SIGN 167	SIGN 240
SIGN 170	SIGN 261
SIGN 176	

Semester V (Spring)	Semester VI (Summer)
SIGN 263	SIGN 266
SIGN 267	SIGN 268