

LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Arts & Communications

Curriculum Code: 0187
 (Effective Fall 2018 –
 Summer 2023)

Sign Language Interpreter C.A. Pathway

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. State of Michigan PA 204 of 2007 states that interpreters must possess certification in order to be employed. State credentials are available through the Division on Deafness & Hard of Hearing in the Department of Civil Rights for the State of Michigan. 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.

For More Information

Contact the Communication, Media and the Arts Department, Gannon Building, Room 1222, telephone number (517) 483-1546 or the Sign Language Interpreter Program, Arts and Sciences Building, Room 137, telephone number (517) 483-5329.

Notes:

- 1) Students must receive at least a 2.5 in ALL 200-level SIGN courses to complete this certificate.
- 2) Students can use SIGN 294 as a substitution up to three times with prior approval from the Program Faculty Chair.

First Year Course Sequence

Semester I	Course Title	Prerequisites	Credit/Billing Hours
Program of Study Requirements			
SIGN 160	Intro to the Deaf Community	Reading Level 5 and Writing Level 4	3 / 3
SIGN 161	American Sign Language I	(Minimum 2.0 in SIGN 160 or concurrently) and Reading Level 5 and Writing Level 4	3 / 3
Credits			6 / 6

Semester II	Course Title	Prerequisites	Credit/Billing Hours
Program of Study Requirements			
SIGN 162	American Sign Language II	Minimum 2.0 in SIGN 161 and Reading Level 5 and Writing Level 4	3 / 3
SIGN 166	Fingerspelling	Minimum 2.0 in SIGN 161 and Reading Level 5 and Writing Level 4	3 / 3
Credits			6 / 6
Semester III	Course Title	Prerequisites	Credit/Billing Hours
Program of Study Requirements			
SIGN 163	American Sign Language III	Minimum 2.0 in SIGN 162 and Reading Level 5 and Writing Level 4	3 / 3
SIGN 167	Beginning Sign to Voice	Minimum 2.0 in SIGN 162 and Reading Level 5 and Writing Level 4	3 / 3
Electives - <i>Select 1</i>			
SIGN 170 <i>Only available Summer semester</i>	Expressive/Receptive ASL	Minimum 2.0 in SIGN 163 or concurrently and Reading Level 5 and Writing Level 4	3 / 3
SIGN 176 <i>Only available Spring semester</i>	Advanced Fingerspelling	Minimum 2.0 in SIGN 166 and Reading Level 5 and Writing Level 4	2 / 2
Credits			8-9 / 8-9
Interpreter Program Course Sequence			
Semester IV (Fall only)	Course Title	Prerequisites	Credit/Billing Hours
Program of Study Requirements			
SIGN 200	Applied Skill in the Workplace	Successfully pass ITP screening	2 / 2
SIGN 240	Intro to Transliteration	Department Approval	3 / 3
SIGN 261	Principles of Interpreting	Department Approval	3 / 3
Credits			8 / 8

Semester V (Spring only)	Course Title	Prerequisites	Credit/Billing Hours
Program of Study Requirements			
SIGN 263	Intermediate Sign to Voice	Minimum 2.5 in (SIGN 240 and SIGN 261) and Reading Level 5 and Writing Level 4	3 / 3
SIGN 267	Sign Practicum I	Minimum 2.5 in (SIGN 240 and SIGN 261) and Reading Level 5 and Writing Level 4	3 / 3
Credits			6 / 6
Semester VI (Summer only)	Course Title	Prerequisites	Credit/Billing Hours
Program of Study Requirements			
SIGN 266	Educational Interpreting	Minimum 2.5 in SIGN 263 and Reading Level 5 and Writing Level 4	2 / 2
SIGN 268	Sign Practicum II	Minimum 2.5 in SIGN 267 and Reading Level 5 and Writing Level 4	3 / 3
Credits			5 / 5
Total Credits			39-40 / 39-40