



Sign Language Interpreter C.A.

Curriculum Code: 0187

Effective: Fall 2020 – Summer 2025

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. State of Michigan PA 204 of 2007 states that interpreters must possess certification in order to be employed. State credentials are available through the Bureau of Professional Licensing (BPL) in Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) 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.

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, Arts and Sciences Building, Room 137, telephone number 517-483-5329.

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 200	Applied Skill in the Workplace	2 / 2
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

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

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
SIGN 164 (Fall or Spring)	American Sign Language IV	3 / 3
SIGN 170 (Summer)	Expressive/Receptive ASL	3 / 3
SIGN 176 (Spring or Summer)	Advanced Fingerspelling	2 / 2

Total Credit Hours

39-40 credits / 39-40 billing hours

Recommended Course Sequence

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

Semester III (Summer)	Semester IV (Fall)
SIGN 163 SIGN 167 Limited Choice (if choosing SIGN 170 or 176)	SIGN 200 SIGN 240 SIGN 261 Limited Choice (if choosing SIGN 164)

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