Sign Language Interpreter A.A.A.
Career Community: Communication, Journalism, and Language
Curriculum Code: 0282
Effective: Fall 2024 – Summer 2029

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).

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<td>MATH 119 or</td>
<td>Math – Applications for Living</td>
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<td>MATH 120 or</td>
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<td>STAT 170</td>
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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** - If SIGN 160, SIGN 161, or SIGN 162 were completed as part of the Career Community block, do not repeat enrollment.

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

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

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

**Additional Credits**
After completing the course and credit requirements as noted on this pathway, students who fall short of the 60-credit minimum required for an Associate Degree may select any course(s) needed to reach 60 credits, except those courses noted in number 7 in the Institutional Requirements for Associate Degrees. Students are encouraged to use Degree Works and meet with an Advisor to ensure all requirements are met and for course recommendations.

**Minimum Total Credit Hours**
72 credits / 72 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
- SIGN 166
- Limited Choice – Natural Sciences Lab or Applied Sciences and Technology Lab

**Semester III (Summer)**
- SIGN 163 – Milestone course
- SIGN 167 – Milestone course
- SIGN 170 – Milestone course

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