

Earn an Associate of Science degree in

# Sign Language Interpretation

Program Code:  
**23033**

A Sign Language Interpreter is a person specially trained to facilitate communication between the deaf, hard of hearing and hearing communities. Interpreters need to be flexible, objective, self-disciplined, self-motivated, and sensitive to others. If this describes you, you may have a successful and rewarding career as an interpreter.

The Interpretation Program at MDC, North Campus begins with American Sign Language 2. Therefore, students must previously have acquired some basic skill and knowledge in the language. This is often obtained through high school courses, noncredit classes in the community or informal contact with deaf persons. In addition, the program is designed with flexibility to allow students with no previous knowledge or skill to enter. Such students should begin with the elective courses of American Sign Language 1 and 2.



## Where Can I Work? How Much Can I Earn?\*

Sign language interpreting is a rapidly expanding field. Schools, government agencies, and private businesses employ interpreters. Interpreters work in a variety of settings including medical, legal, religious, mental health, rehabilitation, performing arts, and business. Part-time, fulltime, freelance and salaried positions are available in most metropolitan areas across the country.

A majority of new interpreter training program graduates get jobs in the school systems, where they receive a fulltime salary and benefits. Others work with interpreter referral agencies as freelance interpreters. This offers them flexibility in hours and job settings, but may not provide 40 hours per week in assignments. In general, the demand for interpreters is in medium to large cities.

### Mean National Averages

<b>Freelance</b> (per diem)	\$24/hour
<b>Staff Interpreter</b> (school, business, government agency, etc.)	\$49,920/year
<b>Specialist</b> (highly skilled and credentialed interpreters specializing in legal, medical, etc.)	\$50,000+/year

For more information, please call  
English & Communications Department  
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### What Does MDC Offer?

Miami Dade College, North Campus, offers an Associate of Science (A.S.) degree in Sign Language Interpretation. The program is designed to develop the skills necessary to interpret the communications between deaf or hard of hearing persons and hearing individuals in an accurate and effective manner. Also developed is a practical understanding of aspects of deaf studies and deaf culture and community. In addition, the program will provide a foundation for those persons who wish to pursue advanced degrees in preparation for careers in special education, vocational rehabilitation or other human service fields.



### GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES - 15 Credits

These courses are required for all Associate of Science degrees.

ENC 1101	English Composition	3 Credits
SPC 1017	Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3 Credits
PHI 2604	Critical Thinking and Ethics	3 Credits
CLP 1006	Psychology of Personal Effectiveness	3 Credits
(See Below)	Math / Science	3 Credits

3 credits (excluding labs) may be earned from any of the following courses:

Math: MAC, MAD, MAP, MAS, MGF, MTB, QMB, STA  
 Science: AST 1002, BOT, BSC, CHM, GLY, HUN 1201, MCB, MET, OCE, PCB 2033, PSC, PHY, ZOO

### SUBJECT MAJOR COURSES - 50 Credits

Students must complete the following courses in Sign Language, aspects of Deaf studies and interpreting:

ASL 1150C	American Sign Language 2	4 Credits
ASL 1000	Survey of Deaf Studies	3 Credits
ASL 2160C	American Sign Language 3	4 Credits
ASL 2200C	American Sign Language 4	4 Credits
ASL 2210	Conversational Skills	3 Credits
ASL 2220	ASL Receptive Skills Development	3 Credits
ASL 2400	Linguistics of American Sign Language	3 Credits
ASL 2430	Manual Alphabet Skills Development	3 Credits
ASL 2510	Deaf Culture and Community	3 Credits
INT 1000	Interpreting Ethics and Professionalism	3 Credits
INT 1240	Voice to Sign Interpreting	3 Credits
INT 1202	Sign to Voice Interpreting	3 Credits

INT 1400	Educational Interpreting	3 Credits
INT 1480	Interpreting: Special Settings & Populations	3 Credits
INT 1941	Interpreting Internship / Practicum	5 Credits

### ELECTIVE COURSES 7 Credits\*\*\*

\*\*\*At least one course must be unrelated to the major.

ASL1140C	American Sign Language 1	4 Credits
DEP 2000	Human Growth and Development	3 Credits
EDF 1005	Introduction to Education	3 Credits
EEX 2000	Introduction to Special Education	3 Credits
HUS 1001	Introduction to Human Services	3 Credits
LIN 2670	Modern English Grammar	3 Credits
PAD 2002	Introduction to Public Administration	3 Credits
PCO 2731	Human Relations	3 Credits
PSY 2012	Introduction to Psychology	3 Credits
SOP 2002	Social Psychology	3 Credits
ASL 1906	Directed Independent Studies	1-2 Credits
SPC 2050	Voice and Diction	3 Credits
TPP 1100	Acting 1	3 Credits

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