



Interpreter Education Program Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.)

2018–2019

DESCRIPTION:

The Interpreter Education Program A.A.S. degree prepares graduates for entry-level interpreting positions where persons who are deaf or hard of hearing and hearing persons must communicate with each other. The associate degree program offers extensive course work in American Sign Language and the knowledge, theory, and skills related to the practice profession of interpreting. A two-semester practicum gives students opportunities to gain first-hand experience applying their interpreting skills and knowledge of professional ethics under the supervision of a qualified interpreter. The five-semester program is sequential, carefully integrating theory and skills with problem solving and critical thinking. Students must adhere to the Code of Professional Conduct of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) or risk dismissal from the program. In order to ensure successful language learning, students are required to participate each semester in activities and events outside of class time. For more information, see csc.edu/academics/departments/interpreting.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

To qualify for admission to the A.A.S. degree program, students must: (1) have intermediate-level skills of American Sign Language and Deaf culture; (2) have a good command of spoken English; (3) agree to adhere to the IEP Student Code of Professional Conduct (SCPC) that is derived from the CPC of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc.; (4) attend a Mandatory Information Session conducted by the coordinator to complete an application form for the program; (5) agree to complete a minimum number of IEP courses each semester; and, (6) agree to daytime availability for one of their Practicum placements at a public school K-12 setting if pursuing K-12 Interpreter for the Hearing Impaired Licensure through the Ohio Department of Education. Intermediate-level American Sign Language (ASL) skills equivalent to Columbus State's Beginning ASL I (ASL 1101), and Beginning ASL II (ASL 1102)--both with grade of "C" or better--are required to begin the course sequence. Individuals with ASL experience may meet this requirement by taking an ASL Proficiency Exam.

Applicants must place into ENGL 1100 (Composition I) or above, and "No Reading Required." Students entering the IEP A.A.S. degree must be 18 years of age or older in order to participate in Practicum.

ONGOING REQUIREMENTS:

Students must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA. Second-year interpreting students are required to take the EEP (Entrance Exam for Practicum) one semester prior to scheduling their first practicum experience (IEP 2901 or 2903). Students attend the Pre-Entrance Exam for Practicum (Pre-EEP) meeting. Students should be participating in activities with members of the Deaf community outside of class time throughout program. Students participate in Job Fair and Advisory Committee meeting. Students are encouraged to verify summer term financial aid eligibility and meet with a division advisor to discuss transfer implications for general education course selections.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATES:

Career:

Interpreter Education Program graduates are employed as entry-level interpreters for the deaf in settings such as Education, K-12 and Post-Secondary, government, health care, community, and performance arts.

Transfer:

Graduates with the IEP A. A. S. degree qualify to transfer to the Wright State University Bachelor's degree in Interpreting.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS (INTERPRETER EDUCATION PROGRAM A.A.S.):

FIRST SEMESTER Courses	Term	Credits	Milestones
IEP 1120 Intro to Interpreting Professions	AU	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upon completion of this semester with a "C" or better in ASL 1103, ASL 1150, IEP 1120 and IEP 1301 students are eligible to proceed to the interpreting sequence courses the next semester
IEP 1301 Beginning Interpreting	AU	2	
ASL 1103 Intermediate American Sign Language I	AU/SP/SU	3	
ASL 1150 Linguistics of ASL & English	AU/SP/SU	2	
COLS 1100 First Year Experience Seminar	AU/SP/SU	1	
ENGL 1100 Composition I	AU/SP/SU	3	
Semester Credits		13	

SECOND SEMESTER Courses	Term	Credits	Milestones/Progress Check
IEP 1302 Intermediate Interpreting I	SP	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students complete their BCI&I criminal background check prior to taking the Entrance Exam for Practicum (EEP). Students who complete ASL 1104, ASL 1100, IEP 1302, IEP 1401 and IEP 1601 with a grade of "C" or better are able to proceed to the next semester IEP courses.
IEP 1401 Theoretical Foundations of Interpreting	SP	3	
IEP 1601 ASL to English Interpreting I	SP	3	
ASL 1100 Introduction to the Deaf Community	AU/SP/SU	2	
ASL 1104 Intermediate American Sign Language II	AU/SP/SU	2	
BIO 1111 Intro to Biology	AU/SP/SU	4	
Semester Credits		16	

THIRD SEMESTER Courses	Term	Credits	Milestones/Progress Check
IEP 2303 Intermediate Interpreting II	SU	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students are eligible to take the Entrance Exam for Practicum (EEP). Students who complete IEP 2303, IEP 2403, IEP 2602, and MULT 2403 with a grade of "C" or better are able to proceed to the next semester IEP courses.
IEP 2403 Educational Interpreting I	SU	3	
MULT 2403 Ethics & Decision Making for Interpreter	SU	3	
Semester Credits		8	

FOURTH SEMESTER Courses	Term	Credits	Milestones/Progress Check
IEP 2304 Advanced Interpreting I	AU	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students who complete IEP 2304 and IEP 2405, with a grade of "C" or better are able to proceed to the next semester IEP courses. Students enrolled in their first Practicum experience must score an 83% or higher to proceed into their second Practicum experience.
IEP 2405 Interpreting in Healthcare Settings	AU	2	
IEP 2901 Community Interpreting Practicum I or IEP 2903 K-12 Educational Interpreting Practicum	AU/SP/SU	3.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A minimum interpreting skill level must be met in order to register for the first practicum experience. Students enroll in their first Practicum experience if they have scored an 83% or higher on the EEP and met the Criminal Background check requirements
MATH 1104 Mathematical Concepts for Business or STAT 1350 Elementary Statistics	AU/SP/SU	3	
Semester Credits		11.5	

FIFTH SEMESTER Courses	Term	Credits	Milestones/Progress Check
IEP 2404 Specialized Interpreting	SP	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students who complete IEP 2404, ASL 1105, and IEP 2305, with a grade of "C" or better are eligible for graduation. Students enrolled in their second Practicum experience must score an 83% or higher to fulfill their graduation requirement. Graduates may apply for Ohio Department of Education Interpreter for the Hearing Impaired Licensure
IEP 2902 Community Interpreting Practicum II or IEP 2903 K-12 Educational Interpreting Practicum	AU/SP/SU AU/SP/SU	3.5	
ASL 1105 Advanced ASL I	AU/SP/SU	2	
IEP Technical elective*		1 - 5	
PSY 2261 Child Development or SOC 2202 Social Problems	AU/SP/SU	3	
IEP 2305 Advanced Interpreting II	AU	4	
Semester Credits 15.5-19.5 / Total Credits		64-68	

*Technical electives -1 credit hour minimum. The following courses are approved for technical elective requirements: IEP 1194 Special Topics in Interpreting (not in catalog), 1-5 cr; IEP 1294 SPT: American Sign Language (not in catalog), 1-5 cr; IEP 2701 Processing (on demand), 1 cr; IEP 2703 Advanced Fingerspelling (on demand), 1 cr; IEP 2704 Religious Interpreting (on demand), 1 cr.

AU: Autumn Semester/SP: Spring Semester/SU: Summer Semester Requirements subject to change.