

INTERPRETER TRAINING PROGRAM (ITP)

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Program Description

The Interpreter Training Program (ITP) is an intensive two-year program. It contains practical coursework for gaining proficiency in sign language through classroom style lectures, practicum, and hands on experience. A solid general education background is an important attribute for job seekers; the curriculum includes college credits in math, English and the humanities. After the completion of the program, students can begin work at an entry-level position in the educational setting or freelance as a sign language interpreter. As an interpreter professional, you will be able to help people take part in activities they might otherwise have missed.

Award Options

After completion of the full time two-year program of 72 credit hours, the student will be awarded an Associate in Applied Science Degree.

Job Outlook

The graduate of the ITP will most likely be entrepreneurial in job seeking since there are many organizations that need interpreters for occasional events, meetings or speeches, but not often for a fulltime position. However, this can be a benefit, since this allows the interpreter to set his or her own hours and control the number and type of clients. Some will become regular clients. Jobs are also available in the educational setting, typically during the school year. Human services and education can sometimes provide fulltime jobs in this area, depending on the agency or school district.

Earnings

Entry-level salaries for graduates of this program will vary depending on the employment situations and the individual graduate's background. According to labor market statistics, the median hourly earnings are between \$12.00 to \$14.00 for Educational Interpreters and between \$18.00 to \$20.00 an hour for free-lance interpreters an hour. Benefits maybe part of a package provided by some of the employers as well.

Companies that have hired SCC graduates

Clinton Community School District
Bettendorf School District
Pleasant Valley Community School District
Scott Community College
Black Hawk College
Janesville School District
Rockford Public Schools
Papillion - LaVista High School
Bi- County Special Ed. Cooperative
Moline Public School District
Talent Tree (Clinton, IA)
Bi County Special Education
Davenport Community School District
Quality Communication Interpreting Services (QCIS)
Illinois/Iowa Center for Independent Living (IICIL)
Translations Unlimited
The ASL Source
Sorenson Video RElay Service (VRS)
St. Ambrose University
Rock Island Arsenal



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FIRST SEMESTER		HOURS
ASL:151	American Sign Language I	5
DRA:130	Acting I	3
ENG:105	Composition I	3
ITP:126	Orientation to Deafness	4
ITP:141	English Vocabulary/Grammar for Interpreters	4
		19
SECOND SEMESTER		
ASL:181	American Sign Language II	5
ITP:121	Introduction to Interpreting	4
ITP:131	Social Aspects of Deaf Culture	4
ITP:135	Introduction to Language	3
		16
SUMMER SESSION		
PSY:121	Developmental Psychology	3
ANT:105	Cultural Anthropology OR	3
SDV:174	Critical & Creative Thinking	3
		6
THIRD SEMESTER		
MAT:110	Math for Liberal Arts	3
ITP:122	Introduction to Interpreting II	4
ASL:251	American Sign Language III	5
ITP:230	Transliteration I	4
ITP:253	Practical Issues	3
		19
FOURTH SEMESTER		
ITP:231	Transliteration II	3
ASL:281	American Sign Language IV	4
ITP:941	Practicum	2
ITP:211	Interpreting Skills Lab	3
		12
	A.A.S. TOTAL	72

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