SIGN LANGUAGE/ INTERPRETING (AS S0801)

Humanities and Social Sciences Division
Degree S0801

The Mt. San Antonio College Interpreter Training Program is designed to prepare individuals for careers as Sign Language Interpreters. Interpreters are needed wherever communication happens between the hearing community and the Deaf and hard-of-hearing community. There are an endless number of settings in which this communication takes place. Interpreters are employed by school districts, cruiseship companies, corporations, government agencies, hospitals, colleges and universities, and a vast number of other organizations and private businesses.

Program Preparation: Preparation for the program includes fluency in American Sign Language demonstrated by the completion of SIGN 104, (or the equivalent skill) and English fluency demonstrated by the completion of ENGL 1A.

National Certification: There are many specialties within the field of Sign Language Interpreting, but the focus of this program is on preparing the interpreter generalist. Although requiring some type of certification is becoming more common in California, there are still many job opportunities for the precertified interpreter.

Completing the certificate in Sign Language/Interpreting does not make one a "Certified Interpreter"; however, graduates of this program are encouraged to apply for National Interpreting Certification (NIC) through the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) at www.rid.org (http://www.rid.org).

Students who complete the required courses listed below and who also complete the graduation requirements of Mt. San Antonio College will be awarded the Associate in Science degree in Sign Language/Interpreting.

This degree requires the completion of General Education coursework plus the following:

Required Courses

Course Prefix	Course Name	Units
Core Courses		
SIGN 105	American Sign Language 5	4
SIGN 108	Fingerspelling	2
SIGN 201	Introduction to Deaf Studies	3
SIGN 202	Cultures in the Deaf Community	3
SIGN 210	American Sign Language Structure	3
SIGN 220	Translation: American Sign Language and English	4
SIGN 223	Principles of Interpreting	3
SIGN 225	Ethical Decision Making for Interpreters	2
SIGN 227	Cognitive Processing for Interpreters	4
SIGN 231	Interpreting	4
SIGN 232	Advanced Interpreting	4
SIGN 239	Applied Interpreting	2
Required Electives		
Choose three courses from the following:		5-5.5
SIGN 240	Vocabulary Building for Interpreters	
SIGN 250	Interpreting with Classifiers	
SIGN 260	Video Interpreting	
SIGN 299	Special Projects in Sign Language/Interpreting	
Total Units		**43-43.5**

Sign Language/Interpreting Department Website (http://www.mtsac.edu/sign-language/)

Program Learning Objectives

Upon successful completion of this program, a student will be able to:

- Apply Demand Control Schema (DC-S) Theory to the field of Sign Language Interpreting.
- Given an English narrative, successfully give a functional equivalent message in ASL in a simultaneous mode.

Review Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) (http://www.mtsac.edu/instruction/outcomes/sloinfo.html) for this program.