

LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
CURRICULUM GUIDE  
Sign Language Interpreter – **Associate in Applied Arts**  
Curriculum Code: 0282 (Effective Fall 2011 – Summer 2016)

The Sign Language Interpreter is a professional specifically trained to facilitate communication between the Deaf, DeafBlind, hard of hearing, and hearing communities. Employment opportunities can be sought in education, freelance, or contracted through agencies that provide interpretation services for deaf persons. Entrance to the second year classes is granted by passing the Interpreter Program Screening. Attending a Sign Language Advising Seminar is required of new and transfer students; see schedule online at: [lcc.edu/cma/sign\\_lang](http://lcc.edu/cma/sign_lang).

State of Michigan law PA 204 (2007) states that interpreters must possess credentials in order to be employed. Credentials can be gained by taking the MI-BEI (Board for Evaluation of Interpreters), the EIPA (Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment), or the NIC (National Interpreter Certification). Education requirements for each test vary, and students should talk to a faculty adviser from the Sign Language Interpreter Program. Not all courses in this program transfer to all colleges. Students planning to transfer should see a general adviser in Academic Advising.

#### PREREQUISITES

Students should see *Course Descriptions* for prerequisite information.

#### SKILLS ASSESSMENTS

Students who arrive at LCC with some prior knowledge of ASL can request a Skills Assessment for appropriate placement in classes. It is recommended that a student have a minimum of 3 semesters of ASL instruction prior to requesting a Skills Assessment. See INFORMATION for contact details.

#### INFORMATION

Contact the Communication, Media, and the Arts Department in the Gannon Building, room 131, or call (517) 483-1546. To speak to a Sign Language Interpreter Program faculty adviser, contact (517) 483-5329.

#### REQUIRED CLASSES:

Total = **52 CREDITS**

TITLE	CODE
Intro to the Deaf Community (3 cr.)	SIGN 160
American Sign Language 1 (3 cr.)	SIGN 161
American Sign Language 2 (3 cr.)	SIGN 162
American Sign Language 3 (3 cr.)	SIGN 163
Fingerspelling (3 cr.)	SIGN 166
Beginning Sign to Voice (3 cr.)	SIGN 167
Expressive/Receptive ASL (3 cr.)	SIGN 170
Advanced Fingerspelling (2 cr.)	SIGN 176
Interpreting/Transliterating (see Note 1) (3 cr.)	SIGN 240
Deaf Culture and History (3 cr.)	SIGN 250
Linguistic Principles of ASL (3 cr.)	SIGN 260
Principles of Interpreting (3 cr.)	SIGN 261
Intermediate Sign to Voice (3 cr.)	SIGN 263
Advanced Sign to Voice (3 cr.)	SIGN 264
Advanced Interpreting/Transliterating (3 cr.)	SIGN 265
Interactive Interpreting (2 cr.)	SIGN 266
Sign Internship 1 (3 cr.)	SIGN 267
Sign Internship 2 (3 cr.)	SIGN 268

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GENERAL EDUCATION CORE AREAS                      Total = **13-17 CREDITS**

Complete the indicated number listed below for each choice. Students should see a general adviser in Academic Advising for classes that will satisfy the General Education Core Areas.

Communication Core Area (see Note 2)	0
Global Perspectives and Diversity Core Area	3-4
Mathematics Core Area	3-4
Science Core Area	3-4
Writing Core Area	3-4

MINIMUM DEGREE TOTAL = **65 CREDITS**

NOTES

1. Students are required to pass the Interpreter Program Screening prior to the second year classes (SIGN 261 and 240). The Screening is offered in July of each year. To be eligible for and apply for the Screening, a student must be enrolled in or have already passed SIGN 163, 166, and 167 with a grade of 2.0 or higher.
2. The Communication Core Area is satisfied by SIGN 160, and students taking this class will have fulfilled this Core Area.

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

Not all classes are offered in every semester – students should see *Course Descriptions* to see when departments plan to offer each class. Students who are unable to follow the course sequence below (i.e. part time students, transfer students, etc.) should see a Sign Language Interpreter Program faculty adviser for help with adjustments.

YEAR 1 (SIGN LANGUAGE PROGRAM) COURSE SEQUENCE

Fall	Spring	Summer – (ITP Screening)
SIGN 160	SIGN 166	SIGN 167
SIGN 161	SIGN 162	SIGN 163
Core Area	Core Area	SIGN 170
Core Area	Core Area	SIGN 176

\* Classes shaded require a minimum grade of 2.0 to advance.

YEAR 2 (INTERPRETER PROGRAM) COURSE SEQUENCE †

Fall	Spring	Summer
SIGN 240	SIGN 267	SIGN 268
SIGN 261	SIGN 263	SIGN 266
SIGN 260	SIGN 250	

\* Classes shaded require a minimum grade of 2.5 to advance.

† Students are required to complete a Practicum during the Year 2 classes, totaling 240 hours of interaction, observation, and hands on hours gained at various locations in the community.

YEAR 3 (PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM) COURSE SEQUENCE

Fall	Spring
SIGN 265	SIGN 264