GUIDED PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

Mt. San Antonio College

Sign Language Interpreter

Career & Educational Pathway

CAREER INFORMATION:

Sign Language interpreters are needed wherever communication happens between diverse signing and non-signing populations. This type of work requires interpreters of diverse languages, cultures, and backgrounds to work with a wide range of consumers. Interpreters are employed by video relay companies, school districts, colleges and universities, government agencies, medical settings, corporations, nonprofits, and private businesses.

EDUCATIONAL PREPARATION

Before starting Mt. SAC's Sign Language/Interpreting program: Fluency in American Sign Language and English are required

CERTIFICATE*	ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE (AS) DEGREE*	BACHELOR'S DEGREE
• The focus of this program is preparing for a precertified interpreter • There are many job opportunities for the precertified interpreter • 78.5 units	In addition to the 78.5 units in the major, the degree requires general education & graduation requirements.	• A bachelor's degree in any field is required to take the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) exam for certification, along with foundation skills and knowledge in Sign Language/Interpreting • Transfer preparation a bachelor's degree at a UC or CSU information:assist.org. and Cal-GETC General Education (GE) requirements.

CERTIFICATION

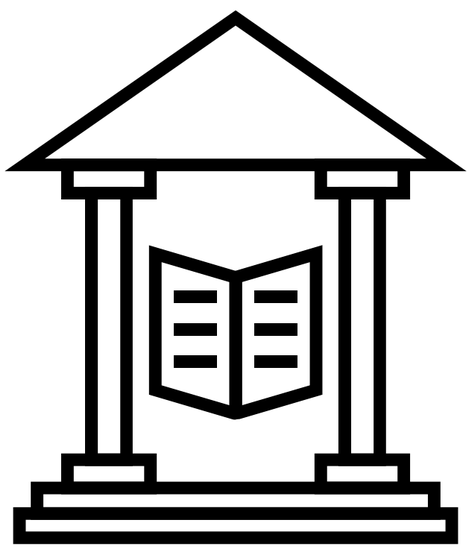
Graduates can take credentialing exams such as the **Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA)** or the **Board for Evaluation of Interpreters (BEI)**. With a minimum of a bachelor's degree, interpreters can take the **National Interpreter Certification (NIC)**. The State of California does not currently require a license to work as a general interpreter. Certification is the preference of hiring entities and consumers. There are requirements to work as an educational interpreter. Graduates are encouraged to seek higher education and internship opportunities.

For additional information, visit the **Sign Language/Interpreting Department**

*Completing the certificate in Sign Language/Interpreting does not make one a "Certified Interpreter". Graduates of this program are encouraged to continue to seek higher education and internships to build on foundational skills and knowledge.

RESOURCES

Counseling Services: Provides a range of services that include career, academic, and personal counseling, educational planning, and transfer preparation information. Check out recommend **suggested course sequence maps** for degrees, certificates, and transfer to Cal Poly Pomona.



Mt. SAC Library: Provides a range of resources to prepare students pursuing careers in education, and support students in all areas of study. The library has exam career exploration resources, film and article databases in sign-language interpreting, and more!

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TRANSFER CENTER

Transfer Center: Helps students prepare to transfer through workshops, activities, events, and advising.

Financial Aid: Helps students who might not otherwise be able to attend college. Although the primary responsibility for meeting college costs rests with the student and his/her family, it is recognized that many families have limited resources and are unable to meet the cost of a college education. Financial Aid provides assistance for students with documented financial needs.