

Sign Language Interpreter (SLI.AAS)

Associate in Applied Science

Human Services

Highland Lakes Campus

In this program, leading to a Sign Language Interpreter Associate in Applied Science degree, the student will gain knowledge of the Deaf community, culture and language, with emphasis on interpretation. The program is designed to train students to be qualified sign language interpreters. Successful completion of the program requirements qualifies the student to take interpreter certification exams. Satisfactory achievement on a certification exam is required by the State of Michigan Deaf Person's Interpreter Act (1982 PA 204 Amended 2007) prior to becoming employed as an interpreter. The policies and procedures regarding progression and retention in the sign language interpreter program, certification exam information, and State of Michigan registration requirements are provided to students after enrollment in SLS 2050. In addition to tuition, students will incur additional expenses related to supplies, travel, and certification exam application.

Program Requirements

Students must maintain a C+ or better in all required Sign Language Interpreting Program courses, including required supportive courses, in order to advance from course to course and ultimately obtain the Sign Language Interpreter Associate in Applied Science degree.

Students must complete ENG 1510 and ENG 1520 prior to enrollment in SLS 2050.

Program Plan Example - Click Here (<https://www.oaklandcc.edu/academics/docs/sli.aas.2017.pdf>)

Major Requirements

SLS 1000 ¹	American Sign Language (ASL) I	3
SLS 1001	Orientation to Deafness	2
SLS 1010 ¹	American Sign Language (ASL) II	3
SLS 1020	American Sign Language (ASL) III	3
SLS 1030 ¹	American Sign Language (ASL) IV	3
SLS 1050	Linguistic Principles of ASL	3
SLS 1100	Fingerspelling and Number Use in ASL	2
SLS 1150	Beginning Sign to Voice	3
SLS 1211	Non-manual Grammatical Features of ASL	2
SLS 1501	Deaf Culture and History	3
SLS 1550	Intermediate Sign to Voice	3
SLS 2050	Principles of Interpreting	3
SLS 2100	Advanced Fingerspelling and Number Use in ASL	2
SLS 2150	Advanced Sign to Voice	3
SLS 2250	Interpreting and Transliterating I	3
SLS 2450	Interpreting and Transliterating II	2
SLS 2800	Interactive Interpreting	3
SLS 2900	Sign Internship	2

Required Supportive Courses

ENG 1510 ¹	Composition I	3
ENG 1520 ¹	Composition II	3
Recommended Electives		
ANT 1540 ¹	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3
MDA 1103	Medical Terminology	3
PSY 2510 ¹	Introduction to Psychology	3
SLS 1040	American Sign Language (ASL) V	3
SLS 1045	American Sign Language (ASL) VI	3
SLS 2910 - SLS 2919		1-3
SOC 2510 ¹	Sociology	3
Total Credit Hours for Program-Related Courses		54
General Education Requirements		
Communication / English (3-credits)		
Satisfied		
Fine Arts / Humanities (3-credits)		
Satisfied		
Mathematics / Science (3-credits)		3
Complete 3 credits from Mathematics/Science courses listed in the General Education Distribution List (http://catalog.oaklandcc.edu/graduation-requirements/general-education-distribution/#mathematics-science)		
Social Science (3-credits)		3
Complete ANT-1540 or PSY-2510 or SOC-2510 from Suggested Electives; or complete 3 credits from Social Science courses listed in the General Education Distribution List (http://catalog.oaklandcc.edu/graduation-requirements/general-education-distribution/#social-science)		
Written Communication (3-credits)		
Satisfied		
Additional elective credits needed to meet requirements for an Associate in Applied Science degree		2
Total Credit Hours		62

¹ Course may be used to meet General Education requirements.

A minimum cumulative 2.00 grade point average (GPA) overall is required for graduation.

Topics in Interpreting

SLS 2910	Topics in Interpreting: Interpreting in Artistic Settings	1
SLS 2911	Topics in Interpreting: Interpreting/Transliteration II	1
SLS 2912	Topics in Interpreting: Educational Interpreting	2
SLS 2913	Topics in Interpreting: Idioms	1
SLS 2914	Topics in Interpreting: ASL Storytelling	1
SLS 2915	Topics in Interpreting: Deaf Blind Interpreting	1
SLS 2916	Topics in Interpreting: Mathematics: Specialized Terminology for Interpreters	1
SLS 2917	Topics in Interpreting: Freelance 101	1
SLS 2918	Topics in Interpreting: Team Interpreting	1
SLS 2919	Topics in Interpreting: Certification Preparation	2