

Sign Language Studies/Interpreter Program Mission Statement

The Sign Language Studies/Interpreter Program at Southwestern Illinois College is committed to graduating students that are prepared for entry level, paraprofessional interpreting positions utilizing American Sign Language (ASL) as the primary mode for communicating with individuals that are deaf or hard of hearing. Graduates will be capable of interpreting between English and ASL and make appropriate cultural adjustments. This program upholds the dignity and worthy of all individuals and encourages the process of life-long learning. Faculty is committed to the collection and review of outcomes assessment data regarding student performance to assure that program goals are being met.

Educational Goals

The SLS/Interpreter Program at Southwestern Illinois College will graduate students that can:

1. Demonstrate entry level competency in ASL with the deaf and hard of hearing community.
2. Explain the aspects of deaf culture including education, technology, identity, and the importance of the Deaf President Now movement.
3. Explain how the limits of the law and educational training affect their ability to practice as an interpreter.
4. Display professional behaviors complimentary to the professional through sound ethical decision-making.
5. Locate and utilize resources to foster continued learning and enrichment.

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