

American Sign Language-English Interpretation Program

LaGuardia Community College/CUNY
Program for Deaf Adults

A student-centered program that is dedicated to developing skilled ASL-English interpreters who:

- make thoughtful interpreting decisions with confidence.
- can produce processed interpretations fluently.
- are self-reflective, able to identify their strengths and challenges, as well as their role in the communities they serve.
- are independent, life-long learners.



Educational Options

Our program offers you several paths to become an ASL-English Interpreter:

- Earn a **BA Degree in Cultural Studies: ASL-English Interpretation**, in collaboration with SUNY Empire State College. If you have an AA degree or two years of college and are fluent in ASL, you can apply for this rigorous two-year academic program, which allows you to take core credits for the interpreting major from SUNY Empire State College at LaGuardia.
- Earn a **Professional Certificate**, if you already have a bachelor's degree or above, upon successful completion of the ASL/English Interpretation Program.
- Enhance your preparation for the ASL-English Interpretation Program by enrolling in LaGuardia's **Deaf Studies AA Degree Program** or the **Pre-Interpretation Program**.

Courses

The **ASL-English Interpretation Program** incorporates national interpreter education standards recommended by the Conference of Interpreter Trainers (CIT). The comprehensive course of study includes:

- Introduction to the Field of Interpreting
- Interpreting I, II, III, IV, V & VI
- Language in Use
- ASL Discourse
- Ethics and Decision Making
- Interpreting in Educational Settings
- Language/Interpreting Lab
- ASL Discourse and Interpreting Internships

Courses in the **Pre-Interpretation Program** include:

- Advanced ASL I
- Advanced ASL II
- Sociology of American Deaf Communities



Technology

Our state-of-the-art multimedia interpreting lab allows you to practice interpreting from a visual language to a spoken language, ASL to English, or the reverse, English to ASL.

Experienced and Nationally Recognized Faculty

Our deaf and hearing instructors are practicing interpreters, interpreter educators, and presenters who are nationally recognized.

Convenient Class Schedule

If you are a working student, evening courses enable you to maintain your professional status while attending class. Some daytime hours, however, are necessary for internships.

Employment Opportunities

A BA Degree or Professional Certificate from LaGuardia's ASL-English Interpretation Program, a nationally respected interpreter education program, opens the door to many employment opportunities.

- Education
- Conferences
- Legal System
- Media
- Medical/Mental Health Field
- Politics or Government
- Social Services

You may be employed by an organization or act as an independent contractor, allowing you to take advantage of numerous freelance opportunities in part time or full time positions.

