Program Map

Interpreter Training

Degree: Associate of Applied Science (AAS)

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Program Description: This degree prepares students for entry-level work interpreting between users of American Sign Language and speakers of English in a variety of settings including education, medical, video relay, government and business, etc. Students will be prepared to work in face-to-face, video relay/remote interactions as well as translation of documents. Support for student success is provided through an ASL lab and tutors, extensive field work, mentoring by interpreters in the community, an ASL Student Club, and a strong and supportive deaf community.

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*Use this **Program Map** to choose courses with your college advisor and track your progress towards milestones and completion of program.*

Pre-Degree Requirements	
Program Specific	**Mathematics Placement** *Placements based on TSI*
25 Credits **Prior to Acceptance and Enrollment in SLNG 2401** • 'ENGL 1301 - English Composition I (3) • SGNL 1401 - American Sign Language (ASL) I (4) • SGNL 1402 - American Sign Language (ASL) II (4) • SGNL 2301 - American Sign Language (ASL) III (3) • SGNL 2302 - American Sign Language (ASL) IV (3) • SLNG 1315 - Visual/Gestural Communication (3) • SLNG 1321 - Introduction to the Interpreting Profession (3) • EDUC 1200 - Effective Learning: Strategies for College Success (2) All first-time Austin Community College (ACC) students with fewer than 12 SCH of successful college credit must take the EDUC 1200 course in their first semester at ACC. All other students can choose a speech course from the Component Area Option section of the Core Curriculum Course List.	□ 0332 - Basic Math Skills □ 0370 – Elementary Algebra □ 0385 - Developing Mathematical Thinking □ 0390 – Intermediate Algebra □ 0421 – Developmental Math **Reading and Writing Placement** *Placements based on TSI* □ Basic Developmental Courses □ ESOL Courses □ INRW Courses

SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER PROGRAM PLAN FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS
Plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding more semesters

Semester 1	CR	Advising Notes
SLNG 1307 - Intra-lingual Skills Development for Interpreters **OR** SLNG 1317 - Introduction to the Deaf Community	3	Students should consult with ASL and Interpreter Training department advisor before registering.
SLNG 2401 - Interpreting I	4	
SLNG 2334 - American Sign Language (ASL) V	3	
Social and Behavioral Sciences	3	Select from the appropriate section of the Core Curriculum Course List.
	13	Program Semester Hours / Meet with your advisor
Semester 2		
Life and Physical Sciences **OR** Mathematics	3-4	Select from the appropriate section of the Core Curriculum Course List.
Restricted Elective	2-3	Restricted electives: SLNG 1211, SLNG 1248, SLNG 1317, SLNG 1346, SLNG 2315.
SLNG 2402 - Interpreting II	4	
SLNG 2335 - American Sign Language (ASL) VI	3	
	12-14	Program Semester Hours / Meet with your advisor

Semester 3		
SLNG 2431 - Interpreting III	4	
SLNG 2311 - Interpreting in Specialized Settings	3	
SLNG 1391 - Special Topics in Sign Language Interpreter	3	Select topic: Advanced ASL Discourse
SLNG 1391 - Special Topics in Sign Language Interpreter	3	Select topic: Discourse Analysis
	13	Program Semester Hours / Meet with your advisor
Semester 4		
SLNG 2288 - Internship - Sign Language Interpretation and Translation	2	Students must obtain department approval in semester prior to enrollment. **Capstone Course** **ACHIEVEMENT:** Completion of Associate of Applied Science degree
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Total Hours	**40-42**	
Pre-Acceptance Credits	**25**	
TOTAL PROGRAM HOURS	**65-67**	

Career & Transfer Resources

ACC's Career & Transfer websites provide detailed, guided information on career exploration and transfer.
www.austincc.edu/career
www.austincc.edu/transfer

For further information regarding this specific program, please see the Career & Transfer Resources supplement provided in the next section of this Program Map.

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Career Information

There are a variety of full-time and part-time jobs for interpreters in the fields of educational, legal, medical, and video relay interpreting.

Common Job Titles

Interpreters and Translators (includes Court Interpreter, Deaf Interpreter, Educational Interpreter, Interpreter, Medical Interpreter, Paraprofessional Interpreter, Sign Language Interpreter)

Regional Labor Market Information

Interpreters and Translators: New workers generally start around $36,016. Normal pay for Interpreters and Translators is $60,506 per year, while highly experienced workers can earn as much as $83,370. Over the last year, 35 companies have posted 514 jobs for Interpreters and Translators in this region. There are currently 660 Interpreters and Translators that are employed in Austin-Round Rock, TX. Source: https://austincc.emsicc.com/careers/interpreter-and-translator

With national and specialized certification http://rid.org/about-interpreting/ you may earn up to $75/hour.

Career and labor market research tools (see Quick Reference Guide at http://www.austincc.edu/career):
EMSI: https://austincc.emsicc.com/, Bureau of Labor Statistics: http://www.bls.gov/ooh/, O*NET: https://www.onetonline.org/

Career Resources: ACC's career services website provides information on career exploration and employment at http://www.austincc.edu/career. Students are encouraged to consult with their area of study advisor for additional career assistance. The above information is provided as a guide and reference tool for occupations related to this program. This is not a guarantee of job placement in any of these occupations after successful completion of an ACC program. The common job titles listed are representative titles and are provided for career research. These are not the only occupations possible in this area of study.

Transfer Information

Transfer Information: The Interpreter Training AAS is aimed at students who do not plan to work toward a 4-year degree; however, a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (BAAS) is an excellent alternative to a BA or BS degree. These degrees apply non-transferable courses and work experience towards the degree. You still must meet general education requirements and take upper level courses. Additional information can be found on the department website at: www.austincc.edu/huse.

Transfer Guides: *The universities listed here do not constitute an ACC endorsement. Transfer course evaluations and determination of what courses will count toward a bachelor's degree are made by the receiving transfer institution.*

Gallaudet University has established collaborative agreements with Austin Community College to boost educational opportunities for future sign language interpreters. The partnership allows students in the two-year Associate of Applied Science degree in Interpreter Training program at ACC to transfer credits into Gallaudet's four-year Bachelor of Arts in Interpretation (BAI) program: http:www.gallaudet.edu/interpretation.html
Texas State University: http://www.owls.txstate.edu/undergraduate-degrees/applied-arts-sciences.html
Concordia University Texas: http://www.concordia.edu/academics/college-of-business-and-communication/baas-in-business.html
Tarleton State University: http://www.tarleton.edu/degrees/bachelors/baas-business/
Texas A&M University - Central Texas: https://www.tamuct.edu/degrees/undergraduate/business-management.html
Texas Tech University: https://www.depts.ttu.edu/universitystudies/prospective_students/baas.php

Additional Transfer Resources: ACC's transfer website provides information on additional colleges & universities: http://www.austincc.edu/transferguides. Students are encouraged to consult with a faculty advisor, area of study advisor, and/or their chosen transfer institution to ensure courses taken at ACC will apply toward their bachelor's degree program.