

INTERPRETER- BEGINNING

CLASS SUMMARY

Under general supervision, an interpreter facilitates communications for a hearing-impaired person using a manual sign system such as American Sign Language to translate spoken and written English language into a form which can be understood by hearing-impaired persons.

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES

Interprets for a deaf person in a one-to-one tutoring session or reading of an assignment from the class text, classroom notes or computer assisted instruction; facilitate communication between hearing individuals and the hearing-impaired by orally speaking language from the manual language system used by the hearing-impaired person; interpret classroom activities presented by staff not necessitating more than a fifteen (15) minute continued orally spoken presentation or provide low level interpreting skills of Pidgin Sign English for a fifty-minute class.

ORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

This class generally reports to the Hearing Impaired Program specialist or designee.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS GUIDE

Training and Experience

Any combination of training and experience equivalent to a two-year program of college instruction in sign language.

Knowledge and Abilities

Knowledge of: and use of manually coded English system (Signing Exact English) and American Sign Language; possess basic reading skills of American Sign Language signs from a Pidgin English form to be orally spoken in English.

Ability to: take basic principles of English word equivalents to the American Sign Language signs within the context and concepts expressed by material written or spoken in English and translate them into the sign Language Form understood by the deaf person.