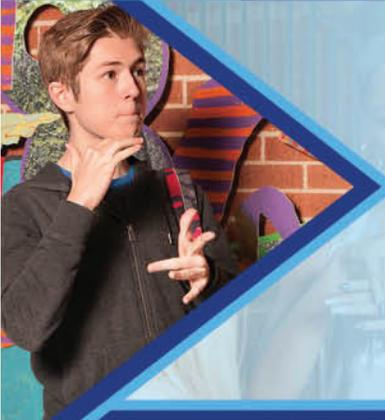




Interpreter Training Program (ITP)



Help others communicate and learn in American Sign Language (ASL). Collin College's Interpreter Training Program (ITP) provides a firm foundation in ASL including receptive skills, Deaf Culture, and interpreting skills and knowledge. Taught by a team of Deaf professors and certified interpreters, the ITP offers a range of courses from beginner-level ASL to those designed to prepare future interpreters. Program support includes extensive opportunities to interact with the Deaf community, internship opportunities, and unparalleled access to highly-qualified professional interpreters.

**Careers in
Sign Language Interpreting
Interpreters and Translators**
Avg. Starting Salary: \$45,300
Average Salary: \$67,200
Projected Job Growth: 34%

The average salary listed reflects the mean average wage for workers in this industry, while the average starting wage is tied to workers at the beginning of their careers. The earning potential for employees with certifications and associate of applied science degrees may exceed the average salary.

*Data for Collin County obtained from JobsEQ and O*Net*

Note: Average salary for occupation as of 2023 and job growth projected from 2023-2030.

About Collin College's Program

During the first year of the program, students will primarily develop their communication skills and appreciation for Deaf culture through courses such as ASL 1-4, Fingerspelling and Numbers, and Deaf Culture. In the second year, students explore the interpreting profession more in depth and learn important skills and knowledge such as teaming, transliteration, and ethics of interpreting. The ITP prepares students to become entry-level professional interpreters capable of passing the Board for Evaluation of Interpreters (BEI) at the Basic Level as a minimum, with a high level of ASL proficiency, an understanding of Deaf Culture, and knowledge of best practices in the field. Classes are offered in a variety of formats to provide flexible scheduling while maintaining excellent instruction, and many students are able to manage classes around fulltime work schedules and other obligations.

Choose Your Education

**Associate of Applied Science Degree –
Interpreter Training Program (ITP)**

(65 credit hours)

Certificate Level 2 – ASL Studies

(35 credit hours)

Program Features and Support

- An ASL lab offering a simulated Deaf Culture environment
- Deaf lab assistants providing invaluable opportunities for fluency in ASL and acquiring culturally-appropriate behaviors
- Extracurricular learning opportunities, including interaction with the Deaf community and professional interpreters
- Monthly workshops related to ASL, interpreting, and Deaf community issues
- An ASL club which hosts events where students can practice their signing skills

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