

## American Sign Language/Interpreting

**General description:** American Sign Language/Interpreting (ASL/I) AAS program/certificates develop competency and practice in ASL interpreting and Deaf Culture toward practical careers in a number of interpretive settings: education, public safety, the social services, or health professions. Individuals will develop skills to sign competently, be conversant with Deaf Culture issues, apply the intricacies of translating spoken language into signing, work professionally with ethical integrity, and prepare or work toward various state and national certifications. Skills from basic certification can boost employability for entry-level positions or enhance promotion prospects.

**Sample of job titles with this degree or in this field include:** Family and Consumer Science Educator, Early Childhood Teachers/Assistants, Nanny, Child Life Specialist, Special Education Teacher/Assistant, Elementary Teachers/Assistant, Adult Literacy Teacher, Social Worker/Technicians, Parent Educator, Counselor, Speech-Language Pathologist-Audiologist/Technician, Geriatric Service Worker, Personal and Home Care Aide, Consumer Advocate, Sales Consultant, Consumer Goods or Services Retail Representative, Health Service Professional, Patient Care Advocate, and more.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the demand for interpreters and translators is projected to have a growth rate of 46% from 2012 to 2022. This growth is attributable to various legislation mandating or expanding services, such as the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The 46% projection is much above the national average for other professions. Improvement of technology has also increased the use of video relay services opportunities. In Illinois, employment of the category of interpreters and translators is expected to increase much faster than average through 2020, making it one of the top 10 fastest growing occupations in Illinois.

### Suggested Full-Time Course Sequence:

<b>Fall Semester</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
COMM 101	3
ENGL 101 (or ENGL 110)	3
SIGN 101	4
SIGN 104	3
SOCIO 110 (or PSYCH110)	3

<b>Spring Semester</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
BIOL 106	3
SIGN 102	4
SIGN 103	3
SIGN 203	3
Directed Electives*	3

<b>Fall Semester</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
HUMAN 104 (or SOCIO 225)	3
SIGN 105	3
SIGN 201	4
SIGN 204	3
Directed Electives**	3

<b>Spring Semester</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
AFAM 100	3
SIGN 202	4
SIGN 205	3
SIGN 290	3
Directed Electives***	3

### Additional Program Information:

Students who begin in Spring may not finish in a two-year time frame.

2.00 (C) Grade Point Average for all courses at RCC

Passing grade of "C" or above required for all SIGN courses

\*CRJ 110, ED 103, ED 105, HLTH 120, SOCIO 150

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\*\*\*CRJ 110, CRJ 114, ED 100, ED 205, ED 220, HLTH 120, PSYCH 280, SOCIO 150, SOCIO 225

#### Tracks:

Criminal Justice—CRJ 110, CRJ 114, PSYCH 280, SOCIO 130

Education—ED 103, ED 200, ED 205, ED 220

Generalist—CRJ 110, ED 103, HLTH 120, SOCIO 150

Health—HLTH 120, HLTH 140, PSYCH 280

Social Services—PSYCH 280, SOCIO 141, SOCIO 150, SOCIO 225

ASL/Interpreting Courses		Credit Hours	AAS 5000	ASL/Interp. Advanced Cert. 5005	ASL/Interp. - Intermediate Cert. 5004	ASL/Interp.- Basic Cert. 5003	ASL-Education- Basic Cert. 5001	ASL-Service Professional Basic Cert. 5002
AFAM 100	Introduction to African American Studies	3	X					
BIOL 106	Issues in Human Biology	3	X					
COMM 101	Public Speaking	3	X	X				
ECE 101	Introduction to Early Childhood Education (or ED205)	3					X	
ECE 221	Teaching Strategies for Special Needs (or ED 220)	3					X	
ENGL 101	Composition 1 (or ENGL 110)	3	X	X				
HUMAN 104	Introduction to Latin Am. Culture & Civilization (or SOCIO 225)	3	X					
SIGN 101	American Sign Language 1	4	X	X	X	X	X	X
SIGN 102	American Sign Language 2	4	X	X	X	X		
SIGN 103	Fingerspelling and Numbers	3	X	X	X	X	X	X
SIGN 104	Introduction to Interpreting	3	X	X	X	X	X	X
SIGN 105	Deaf Culture	3	X	X				
SIGN 201	American Sign Language 3	4	X	X	X			
SIGN 202	American Sign Language 4	4	X	X	X			
SIGN 203	Interpreting 1	3	X	X	X	X		
SIGN 204	Interpreting 2	3	X	X	X			
SIGN 205	Interpreting 3	3	X	X	X			
SIGN 290	Practicum and Seminar	3	X	X				
SOCIO 110	Introduction to Sociology (or PSYCH 110)	3	X					
<b>Electives</b>								
6 credit hours required (choose from CRJ 110, CRJ 114, HLTH 120, HLTH 140, PSYCH 280, SOCIO 130, SOCIO 141, SOCIO 150, SOCIO 225)		6						X
<b>9 Credit hours Required: (choose from discipline areas below)</b>			X					
Criminal Justice		CRJ 110, CRJ 114, ED 103, ED 205, HLTH 120, PSYCH 280, SOCIO 150, SOCIO 225						
Education		ED 103, ED 200, ED 205, ED 220						
Generalist		CRJ 110, ED 103, HLTH 120, SOCIO 150						
Health		HLTH 120, HLTH 140, PSYCH 280						
Social Services		PSYCH 280, SOCIO 141, SOCIO 150, SOCIO 225						
<b>Total Hours</b>			<b>64</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>