



College of DuPage

ASLI Program

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE/INTERPRETING



Application Information for ASLI, AAS Degree

American Sign Language/Interpreting, Associate in Applied Science

For admission to the Spring 2024 ASLI, AAS Program

applications must be submitted by 10/14/2023.

- Applicants must have completed or be enrolled in INTP-2104, Introduction to American Sign Language Interpreting and Ethics.
- An application is not required to enroll in the ASLI or ASL Certificates.

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the American Sign Language Interpreting Associate of Applied Science. This packet provides important information regarding the application process to the ASLI Associate of Applied Science. For additional information about the ASLI Program, please visit the [ASLI Program website](#).

There are several resources at College of DuPage dedicated to supporting ASLI students, please feel free to reach out any time.

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ASLI Associate in Applied Science

The American Sign Language Interpreting, Associate in Applied Science degree prepares students for a career working as a sign language interpreter.

The degree is a combination of the ASL Certificate, the ASLI Certificate and general education coursework. This program is considered a full-time program if taking 12+ credit hours per semester. Successful completion of this degree will prepare students to take in the Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission licensure exam, and/or the Boys Town Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment, which are required to be employed in Illinois. In order to take the National Interpreting Certificate (NIC) Exam, completion of a Bachelor's Degree is required. For more details regarding certification and licensure examinations, visit RID.org.

This is a selective admissions program. Students must officially apply and be admitted to this program before they can begin coursework.

Admission Requirements

The American Sign Language Interpreting AAS Degree Program utilizes a limited enrollment admissions process, enrolling a new co-hort each Spring term.

For consideration to the AAS Program, an applicant must complete the following:

1. Attend an American Sign Language Interpreting (ASLI) Program Advising Session. Please check the website for dates and times of these sessions, and make sure to RSVP for your session to secure your spot using the directions provided. If you cannot make an advising session, you may contact the Program Coordinator for individual advising. **It is required that an applicant attend an advising session or have individual advising 12-months prior to the application deadline.**

For General Education advising for the AAS degree, please contact Carla Johnson in the Counseling and Advising Office.

2. Complete the online [College of DuPage General Admissions Application](#). There is a \$20 non-refundable general admissions fee due upon submission. *If you have previously been admitted to College of DuPage, you can omit this step. This application is for general admissions to College of DuPage only; it is **not** an application to the ASLI Program.*
3. To ensure that all of your eligible credits are evaluated towards the admission requirements, turn in all official transcripts from any schools that you have attended. Please follow the steps listed below: Submit your official transcript(s). Contact your previous institution(s) to order an official copy of your transcript to be sent to evaluation@cod.edu (preferred) or College of DuPage, Office of Student Records, 425 Fawell Blvd, SRC 2150, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137-6599. **If College of DuPage is the only institution you have attended, you do not need to request official transcripts.**

Verify receipt of your transcript(s). Log in to your myACCESS account, click on 'myACCESS for Students', then select 'My Profile'. The receipt status of your transcript will be listed under 'Transcript Institutions'. NOTE: If you have an international transcript from a high school or college, it must be evaluated by EDUCATIONAL CREDENTIAL EVALUATORS, Inc. Forms for this evaluation may be obtained from www.ece.org.

4. Complete the ASLI Program application and email to **ASLIAdmissions@cod.edu** or drop off your application at the Liberal Arts Division office (BIC-2E06) by **4:00 pm on 10/14/2023**.
5. Demonstrate proficiency in both expressive and receptive American Sign Language by taking the American Sign Language Proficiency Exam. Contact Adam Wasilewski to schedule your test by **10/31/2023** at wasilewskia54@cod.edu.
6. Students must be enrolled in SIGN 2102, SIGN 2103 and INTP 2104 for Fall 2022, or these classes must have been completed within the 18-month period prior to the application deadline.

7. Students must earn at least a grade of 'C' in all SIGN and INTP and earn at least a grade of 'C' in ENGLI 1101 or ENGLI 1105, and SPEECH 1100, SPEECH 1120, or SPEECH 1150.

NOTE: All documents delivered to the College of DuPage pertaining to the ASLI Application admissions file become the property of the College of DuPage and will not be returned to applicants. This includes but is not limited to transcripts, letters of recommendation, evaluation forms and outside test reports.

Further questions about the application? Please contact Adam Wasilewski at 630-318-6806 or wasilewskia54@cod.edu.

Application Availability, Deadline, and Notification Status:

Applications will be available at the beginning of September. The deadline to submit your ASLI, AAS Application for Spring 2023 is:

October 14, 2023 at 4:00 pm.

Please drop off your application at the Liberal Arts Division Office, BIC-2E06, or email your application to ASLIAdmissions@cod.edu.

ASLI Program Acceptance

Applicants will be notified of their admission status by the College of DuPage ASLI Admissions Committee at the end of the Fall term. Individuals offered admission must respond as directed in the acceptance letter within 10 days, or the offer may be withdrawn. Candidates who decline an offer of admission or accept but fail to register for classes are not guaranteed admission at a later date.

Requests for admission are not carried over to the following year. Applicants not accepted to the program may apply the following year; it is strongly recommended that individuals seeking to re-apply consult with the Program Coordinator for guidance to improve their application.

Please note, acceptance into the AAS Degree Program does not guarantee successful program completion.

Course Sequence for American Sign Language Interpreting Program

Fall	INTP 2104 and Apply for admission to ASLI, AAS Program
Spring	INTP 2105 and INTP 2106
Summer	INTP 2107
Fall	INTP 2108 and INTP 2109
Spring	INTP 2110

Requirements of Acceptance to American Sign Language Interpreting Program

Behavioral Skills and Professionalism

Following acceptance to the ASLI program, students need to comply with the rules, regulations, and procedures of College of DuPage, the Liberal Arts Division, the ASLI program and affiliated practicum sites. Students need to comply with the following:

- Policies and procedures required by academic and professional settings.
- College of DuPage Academic Honesty Policy (per College Catalog).
- College of DuPage Code of Conduct (per College Catalog).

Grade Requirements

Once admitted to the ASLI Program, students receiving less than a "C" in any ASLI course are placed on academic probation for a period of no shorter than one semester, although this duration may be substantially longer. Continuation in the ASLI Program under this circumstance will be assessed case by case. If students on probation receive a "D" or an "F" in any subsequent INTP course or practicum, they may be dismissed from the program. A dismissed student may apply for readmission to the program in the Fall term of the following school year; however, the student is not guaranteed readmission. If the student is readmitted, any courses with "D" or "F" grades must be repeated. Additional information regarding grade requirements, probation, and dismissal is contained within the Program syllabi.

In order to ensure that students acquire knowledge relevant to their practicum, students may be required to make up portions of failed exams or projects regardless of earning a passing grade.

Drug Testing, Background Check and Fingerprinting

Before the professional practicum begins, students may be required to complete a drug test, background check, and/or fingerprinting. All practicum requirements are completed at the student's expense. If applicants do not submit the necessary documentation, or are not able to obtain clearance to participate in the ASLI Program's practicum activities without restrictions and/or precautions, they may be considered ineligible for the ASLI Program and can be withdrawn from the ASLI Program courses in which they are registered.

Ethical Standards

A sign language interpreter must follow the tenets of the Code of Professional Conduct (CPC) as set forth by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf. The seven tenets are:

1. Interpreters adhere to standards of confidential communication.
2. Interpreters possess the professional skills and knowledge required for the specific interpreting situation.
3. Interpreters conduct themselves in a manner appropriate to the specific interpreting situation.
4. Interpreters demonstrate respect for consumers.
5. Interpreters demonstrate respect for colleagues, interns and students of the profession.
6. Interpreters maintain ethical business practices.
7. Interpreters engage in professional development.

Practicum Component

The capstone class for the ASLI AAS degree is INTP-2110, American Sign Language Interpreter Practicum, which is offered in the Spring. As part of the practicum, students must observe licensed interpreters for a minimum of 40* hours. Students must also interpret for a minimum of 40* hours under the supervision of a licensed interpreter. *Please note the number of hours may change.

Licensure / Credentialing

Under the Interpreter for the Deaf Act of 2007, interpreters are required to have a license to provide interpreting services after January 1, 2009, unless an exemption applies. Interpreter licenses are based on proficiency levels.

Successful completion of this certificate and/or degree program will prepare students for certification examinations conducted by the State of Illinois and national accrediting agencies. There are 3 exams that interpreters can take: The BEI, NIC, and EIPA exams.

The Board for Evaluation of Interpreters (BEI) testing and certification is designed to provide certification options to Illinois Interpreters. For more details, visit <https://www2.illinois.gov/idhhc/licensure/pages/certification.aspx>.

In order to take the National Interpreter Certification (NIC) Exam, one needs to have completed a Bachelor's Degree. For more details regarding certification examinations, visit [Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf](#).

For information about the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA), please visit <https://www.classroominterpreting.org/EIPA/performance/index.asp>

Summary of Licenses Available

License Level	RID National Interpreter Certification for general interpreting ¹	BEI Multiple tests to determine level of skill in Illinois ²	EIPA Required for K-12 educational interpreting in Illinois ²
Master License ³	NIC Advanced	BEI Master (Silver)	N/A
Advanced License ³	NIC	BEI Advanced (Green)	N/A
Basic License ³	N/A	BEI Basic (Yellow)	EIPA 3.5 or above
Provisional License ⁴	Provisional	BEI TEP – Test of English Proficiency (Red)	N/A

¹ In order to get RID certification, you must have a bachelor’s degree, but it can be in any area.

² The BEI and EIPA tests may qualify you to interpret in other states. Please check with the other state to be certain.

³ License must be renewed annually. In order to renew, you must complete 20 CE hours of professional development each year.

⁴ May be renewed once. Cannot be renewed after 2 years; instead, you must test up.

Program Information Disclaimer

This program information packet is published for information purposes only; however, the information in this packet is not to be regarded as an irrevocable contract between the student and the program. The program reserves the right to change, at any time and without notice, graduation requirements, fees and other charges, curriculum, course structure and content, and other such matters as may be within its control, notwithstanding any information set forth in this program information packet in accordance with College of DuPage policies and procedures.

Falsification of Documents or Other Information

Falsification of any information, including but not limited to falsification of application information, background check information, or professional performance information will not be tolerated. Prospective students found to have falsified any application information will not be admitted to the program and may not reapply or be considered for admission at a later date. Students enrolled in the program found to have falsified any documents or other information related to the program will be dismissed without possibility of reapplication or readmission.

Non-Discrimination Statement

The College prohibits discrimination in its admissions, employment, and educational programs or activities on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, creed, national origin, age, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, arrest record, military status or unfavorable military discharge, citizenship status, and physical or mental disability. The College will protect an individual's right to express their viewpoint or opinion, so long as it does not violate State or Federal law and is not detrimental to the College.

This Policy against discrimination applies throughout all College environments, whether on campus, at work assignments off campus, at College-sponsored social functions, or otherwise.

Procedures to facilitate the College's prohibition of discrimination will be promulgated consistent with the Policy. (Board Policy 20-5).