Transfer Student Guide: Maricopa Community Colleges
Deaf Studies/Educational Interpreting
2019-2020

ADMISSIONS
The University of Arizona requires a Professional Admissions application to earn entry into the College of Education's deaf studies program. The application should be completed while applying for transfer admission to the university, although students may transfer as a pre-deaf studies major and apply in a future semester.

An emphasis area is required in educational interpreting or in a customizable area based on career goals. The educational interpreting emphasis is the best option for a career in ASL interpreting; see page 2 for additional requirements. Additional career areas and graduate programs include: 1) counseling, 2) deaf education, 3) teaching ASL, and 4) advocacy.

THE FOLLOWING PRE-PROFESSIONAL COURSES ARE REQUIRED FOR PROFESSIONAL ADMISSION:

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<th>Maricopa County Community College District Courses</th>
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<td><strong>SLG 202</strong>: American Sign Language (ASL) 4th semester or fluency through ASL 4th semester via a UA proficiency exam</td>
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<td><strong>SLG 204</strong>: Comparative Linguistics: ASL/English</td>
<td>Can be completed at MCCCD or UA</td>
<td><strong>SERP 433A</strong>: Introduction to the Structure of ASL</td>
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<td><strong>CFS 176</strong>: Child Development</td>
<td>Can be completed at MCCCD as part of AGEC (SB course designation) or at UA within professional program</td>
<td><strong>EDP 301</strong>: Educational Psychology and Child &amp; Adolescent Development</td>
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*SLG 204 and CFS 176 carry lower-division credit only.

Visit coe.arizona.edu/future_students/transfer to learn more.
Identify your UA COE major advisor at coe.arizona.edu/advisors or 520-621-7865.

This information is provided as a transfer guide and does not constitute as academic advising. This is not intended for current University of Arizona students. Please see an advisor to discuss any non-UA coursework. Program requirements are subject to change.
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL ADMISSIONS APPLICATION PROCESS

The Professional Admission application is used to ensure all eligible students meet coursework requirements by the application deadline. To be a qualified applicant, students should focus on strong overall academic performance and demonstrate commitment to the deaf community. **Applications are due the second Friday of February by 4 p.m.** to begin the program in the following fall semester. Those applying for the educational interpreting track must:

- Apply to be admitted to UA for summer (semester prior to fall start of professional program)
- Complete SERP 444a (Intensive ASL) in summer (typically held M-F in first 5 week session)
- Participate in interview process at the end of SERP 444A

PROFESSIONAL ADMISSIONS CONSIDERS THE FOLLOWING SELECTION CRITERIA:

**Grade Point Average**
Program applicants are required to demonstrate a strong GPA (minimum 2.5; 3.0 preferred), but all applicants are considered and reviewed holistically and on a case-by-case basis. Demonstrating a GPA below 2.5 does not necessarily indicate ineligibility for the program; speak with a UA COE advisor to learn more.

**Foundation Coursework**
Students should be approaching junior standing (60 units) by the end of the semester in which they are applying. AGEC or its equivalent should be completed and includes the following completed coursework:

- ENG 101 and ENG 102
- Foundational math (consult with UA COE advisor to discuss options if not completing AGEC)

**Recommendations**
You will need two original, professional letters of recommendation on the affiliated organization’s letterhead:

- 1 letter to document your ASL fluency
- 1 letter to support your professionalism, strengths, and/or commitment to serving the deaf community

**Fingerprint Clearance Requirement (for educational interpreting track only)**
Because the educational interpreting emphasis of the deaf studies program involves fieldwork, applicants must provide a copy (front and back) of their Arizona IVP fingerprint clearance card at the time of admission. If you do not have this card, visit fieldprintarizona.com and click on Schedule an Appointment to begin the application. Please refer to Instruction Guide at tinyurl.com/UACOEIVPGuide.

**Essay**
Describe your experience working with children and/or youth in educational settings and why you want to work in your chosen profession. This should be a 500-750 word essay that outlines some of the work you have done with children, including activities you have participated in or directed. It should summarize your overall experience and motivations for your intended profession supporting the deaf community or ASL interpreting.

(Optional) Additional Essay*: If your GPA is below the required 2.50 and/or you are missing any application requirements, please prepare an additional essay addressing the circumstances that have affected your GPA/ability to complete all application requirements by the deadline.

*ask your UA COE advisor if you are unsure about completing this essay

**Maintain Good Academic Standing**
Students must be admitted to the University of Arizona and be in good academic standing (UA GPA of 2.0 or higher) at the beginning of the semester in which they intend to begin their upper-division courses.