

American Sign Language Interpreters aid communication between the hearing and non-hearing in a variety of settings such as theaters, court rooms, social service agencies, schools, religious institutions, mental health or medical facilities.

What type of career can I have with this major?

Since this major is so practical and comprehensive, you will have a variety of excellent employment opportunities.

- American Sign Language Aide
- Community Services Assistant
- Interpreter
- Interpreter Coordinator/Scheduler
- Rehabilitation Assistant
- Self-Employed and Freelance Interpreter
- Social Services Aide
- Social Work Assistant
- Special Education Assistant
- Special Education Technician
- Teacher's Aide

Where can I work?

This profession provides you with a choice of various work environments including government agencies, non-profit organizations, for-profit agencies, public and private companies, and firms.

- Clinics
- Colleges and Universities
- Correctional Institutions
- Courts
- Government Agencies
- Hospitals
- Law Enforcement Agencies
- Medical Industry
- Recreation Sites
- Rehabilitation Clinics
- Schools (K-12)
- Social Service Agencies
- Special Education
- Theatres
- Transportation Industry

What type of professional organizations and resources are available in this industry?

There are many professional organizations that offer resources, articles, job opportunities, training and conference information. We suggest you visit each organization's website to gather more information and contacts in your field.

- American Consortium of Certified Interpreters
- Educational Interpreters Performance Assessment
- Educational Sign Skills Evaluation
- [National Association of the Deaf](#)
- [National Association of Judiciary Interpreters and Translators](#)
- [National Cued Speech Association](#)
- [Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf](#)
- [San Diego County Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf](#)
- [The Translators and Interpreters Guild](#)

What type of American Sign Language/Interpreting program does Mesa offer?

The American Sign Language (ASL)/Interpreting program at San Diego Mesa College focuses on the culture, community and philosophies of the deaf and hearing impaired. Skills taught in the program include finger spelling, transliteration and interpretation, voice-to-sign interpreting, sign-to-voice interpreting and technical sign language. Knowledge of these skills and tools will prepare students seeking an entry-level interpreting position upon graduation.

- [Certificate of Achievement: American Sign language/Interpreting](#)
- [Associate in Arts: American Sign Language/Interpreting](#)

See college catalog for program descriptions, course titles, and areas of emphasis.