The American Sign Language - English Interpretation Program (AEIP) is a rigorous academic program that prepares selected individuals who are fluent in ASL to become ASL-English Interpreters, with a special focus on interpreting in educational settings.

Program Tracks

Bachelor's Degree in Educational Studies: ASL-English Interpretation through a partnership with SUNY Empire State College.

If students already have a bachelor’s degree, they can take the same interpreting and educational studies sequence for a Professional Certificate.

Since program candidates must have an associate’s degree to apply, LaGuardia offers an Associate’s Degree in Deaf Studies and ASL to help prepare them for entry into AEIP.

Highlights

• Was recently awarded $1.25 million by the U.S. Department of Education - Office of Special Education Programs. The grant was awarded to only 10 programs nationally in the category of those serving children with low incidence disabilities. AEIP, which competed against four-year institutions and graduate-level programs, ranked third in quality out of 50 proposals submitted and was the only interpreting program to receive an award.

• Has graduated 142 interpreters since its inception in 1997.

• Students’ average score on the National Interpreting Certificate (NIC) Knowledge Exam is 640, compared to the national average passing rate of 500.

• Serves students from all over the tri-state area and is above the national average of diversity (age, race and professional background) within interpreting programs, reflecting deaf students and the Deaf community at large in this area of the country.

Testimonials from AEIP Graduates

“Often I can tell LaGuardia interpreters when I meet them. There’s a certain niche they fit into, as they seem to know the importance of prioritizing their connections to the Deaf community that gave them the language in the first place. I feel privileged to be a graduate of the program and among that few.”

- Philip Wilson, educational interpreter in a program for Deaf students in a Bronx public high school

“Staff along with the program’s instructors have made it possible for me to not only finish the program but to realize that I am in fact able to reach for higher ground [a bachelor’s degree].”

- Jennifer Ward, ASL-English interpreter for LaGuardia's Program for Deaf Adults

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