VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

CLASSIFICATION TITLE: SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER

BASIC FUNCTION:

Under the direction of the Coordinator/Disabled Student Programs and Services, interpret between English and American Sign Language (ASL) and/or a variety of sign systems.

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES:

Provide sign and voice interpreting for Deaf students in a mainstream academic setting, using American Sign Language (ASL) as well as various sign systems and oral interpreting techniques.  
Interpret classroom lectures, counseling sessions, meetings, tutorials, and other situations as assigned.  
Assist in providing campus orientations to Deaf students.  
Assist with in-service training to faculty, staff, and hearing students about the role of the interpreter.  
Provide tutorial assistance to Deaf students as needed.  
Perform related departmental duties as assigned.

KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES:

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American Sign Language and a variety of sign systems, as well as specialized signs used in academic interpreting
Methods and conventions used in communicating with deaf and hard of hearing persons
The vocabulary and general educational concepts used in a wide variety of community college courses
Differences and similarities between hearing and deaf cultures

ABILITY TO:

Interpret between the languages of English and American Sign Language/various sign systems at an appropriate rate of speed and fluency
Use correct English grammar, spelling, punctuation and vocabulary in written and spoken forms

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SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER (continued)

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Completion of an interpreter preparation program

WORKING CONDITIONS:

ENVIRONMENT:

Office and classroom environment

PHYSICAL ABILITIES:

Ability to comfortably hear spoken language
Ability to see signed language
Ability to speak
Manual dexterity
Ability to sit and stand for extended periods of time