

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETING

Sign Language Interpreting focuses on training students to teach and support individuals with hearing impairments, emphasizing communication strategies such as American Sign Language (ASL) and auditory-oral techniques. This major prepares educators to create inclusive learning environments to support the educational needs of deaf and hard-of-hearing students.

COMMON JOB TITLES * additional education or certification required post graduation

ENTRY & MID LEVEL POSITIONS

Sign Language Interpreter*
Education Consultant
K-12 Education Interpreter*
Patient Advocate/Navigator

Health/Medical Interpreter*
Legal Interpreter*
Higher Education Interpreter*
Program Coordinator

AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT: WHERE DO SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETING MAJORS TYPICALLY WORK?

K-12 Schools: Omaha Public Schools, Ralston Public Schools, Millard

Universities & Colleges: Creighton University, Metro CC, UNO

Hospitals: Nebraska Methodist, Children's Hospital, Nebraska Med.

Community Centers: Omaha Public Library,

Healthcare Clinics: Munroe Meyer Institute, CHI Health

Conference Centers: CHI Health Center, Omaha Marriot, Hilton Omaha

Government: NE Commission for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing, NE Dept. of Education

Nonprofit Organizations: Deaf Missions, Heartland Family Service

Corporations: Gallup, Union Pacific

Schools for the Deaf: Iowa School for the Deaf

IMPORTANT QUALITIES:

Transferable Skills Gained:

Communication Skills
Adaptability
Organization Skills
Leadership

Concrete Skills Gained:

American Sign Language (ASL)
Microsoft Applications
English to ASL and Vice Versa
Discourse Analysis

HOW TO DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS :

Get involved with **UNO Allies for Sign Language** to connect with other students, advocate, and better understand Deaf culture throughout the world

Attend events by the **Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing** to learn more about resources and inclusive efforts

Volunteer with the **Metro Regional Program for Children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing** to explore topics related to accessibility, advocacy, & research

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MAJOR + MINOR SPECIALIZATION: HOW CAN I SPECIALIZE IN SOMETHING BEFORE I GRADUATE?

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Sign Language Interpreting + Leadership & Public Policy minor = Instructional Coordinator*

Sign Language Interpreting + Psychology minor = Educational Consultant

Sign Language Interpreting + Public Health minor = Health Interpreter*/Patient Navigator

OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK:

Sign Language Interpreters & Translators
Instructional Coordinators

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Check out daily job postings on **Handshake** related to jobs, internships, and opportunities to boost your student experience

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION:

A Masters degree may be beneficial or required after graduation depending on your desired career path. Advanced degrees offer opportunities for specialized study, research, and development

More information:

UNO Graduate Programs A-Z

Certifications may be required depending on your career goals or desired specialization.

To learn more about Interpreting visit: **RID for the Deaf, Inc.**

To learn more about other certifications and licenses visit: **NE Commission of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing Licensing**

OTHER RESOURCES :

UNO Department of Special Education & Communication Disorders

Career Exploration in Career Services

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics: Occupational Outlook Handbook

NEED SOME EXTRA HELP?


Book an appointment with Career Services

Book an appointment with your Advisor


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