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Interpreter for the Deaf

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STRENGTHS

- 🗣️ **Clear classroom access**
Interpreted lessons, discussions, and assessments with care. Students received meaning they could use right away.
- 📖 **Practical tutoring**
Small group practice made difficult concepts less intimidating. Quiet comprehension checks often revealed what needed another example.
- 👥 **Teacher collaboration**
Pre lesson vocabulary reviews helped align signing with instructional intent. Teachers gained a reliable partner for access planning.
- ♥️ **Steady documentation**
Objective notes captured participation and behavior without adding noise. Support teams had clearer information for meetings.
- ♥️ **Calm student support**
Field trips, tests, and classroom changes called for patience. A steady presence helped students stay connected and safe.

SKILLS

American Sign Language
Educational interpreting
Manual communication
IEP support Tutorial guidance
Accessible materials
Progress documentation
Behavior redirection
Classroom procedures
Student records Hearing aids
Audiovisual tools
Instructional support

SUMMARY

Educational Interpreter with more than six years of experience supporting **Deaf and hard of hearing** students through ASL communication access, tutorial reinforcement, and classroom instruction. Interprets **spoken English** and signed communication during lessons, discussions, assessments, conferences, and school activities across core subjects. Works closely with certificated teachers, administrators, and student support teams to support IEP goals, prepare accessible materials, document progress, and maintain confidential records. Provides calm individual and small group guidance, comprehension checks, behavior redirection, and follow up instruction. Completed an authorized **interpreter training program** and holds a qualifying **Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment** score, First Aid certification, and CPR certification. Brings careful attention to student needs, classroom safety, communication accuracy, and meaningful participation in inclusive learning environments.

EXPERIENCE

Educational Interpreter, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students

Clearwater Learning Cooperative 📅 August 2023 - Present 📍 Santa Rosa, CA

Supports classroom communication, tutorial reinforcement, IEP related learning, accessible materials, and student progress documentation across core subjects. Partners with certificated teachers and operates classroom, hearing assistance, audiovisual, and office equipment.

- Interpreted **lectures** and assessments through **ASL**, preserving meaning across core academic instruction.
- Reviewed lesson vocabulary with teachers, improving preparation for accessible classroom communication.
- Reinforced IEP goals through tutoring, modeled examples, and comprehension checks for students.
- Prepared accessible materials and **class notes**, giving students dependable homework references.
- Documented participation and behavior observations, supporting objective educational meeting **discussions**.
- Operated **hearing aids**, computers, **audiovisual tools**, and classroom software during instruction.

Sign Language Instructional Support Specialist

North Valley Student Services 📅 August 2021 - July 2023 📍 Rohnert Park, CA

Provided ASL based tutorial support, classroom interpretation, behavior observation, instructional material preparation, and communication access for individual students and small groups. Maintained orderly learning spaces, student files, equipment, and safety practices during daily instruction and special activities.

- Provided ASL **tutorial** support for reading, language, **arithmetic**, and general coursework.
- Interpreted classroom explanations and student signing during lessons and **school activities**.
- Adapted teacher exercises into visual formats, making directions easier to follow.
- Observed engagement and **behavior**, applying approved redirection during classroom routines.
- Accompanied students on **field trips** and assemblies while maintaining communication access.
- Organized instructional files, duplicated materials, and prepared classroom work areas.

Educational Interpreting Practicum Assistant

Community Accessibility Practicum 📅 January 2020 - July 2021 📍 Petaluma, CA

Completed supervised educational interpreting practice while building accuracy in ASL, **manual communication**, receptive signing, tutorial reinforcement, observation, equipment use, and confidential record handling. Worked with a supervising interpreter during structured learning activities and preparation sessions.

- Completed supervised **ASL** practice with **Deaf and hard of hearing** learners.
- Reviewed vocabulary and lesson objectives with a supervising interpreter before assignments.

Small group tutoring

Safety procedures

LANGUAGES

American Sign Language Native

English Native

MY CAREER



● Educational Interpreter, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students at Clearwater Learning Cooperative (3.2 Years)

● Sign Language Instructional Support Specialist at North Valley Student Services (1.9 Years)

● Educational Interpreting Practicum Assistant at Community Accessibility Practicum (1.5 Years)

- Delivered **tutorial** reinforcement through visual examples and comprehension checks.
- Recorded interpreting choices and student comprehension for supervisor feedback.
- Used **computers**, audiovisual resources, and hearing assistance equipment safely.
- Prepared instructional materials and maintained orderly, confidential learning records.

PROJECTS

Accessible Core Subject Support 📅 2024

Prepared visual lesson references and tutorial supports for reading, language, arithmetic, and classroom assignments. Materials gave students practical ways to review concepts and complete homework.

IEP Communication Documentation 📅 2023

Organized objective notes about participation, comprehension, and behavior for educational meetings. Documentation helped teachers and support teams discuss student progress with greater clarity.

LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- Qualifying Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment score received in 2021.
- First Aid and CPR renewal completed in 2026.

EDUCATION

Associate of Arts in American Sign Language and Interpreting

Santa Rosa Junior College 🎓 GPA: 3.5 📅 2020 📍 Santa Rosa, CA

Coursework: American Sign Language, educational interpreting, Deaf culture, instructional communication

CERTIFICATIONS

- Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment 📅 2021
- First Aid and CPR 📅 2026

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Sign Language Systems:** American Sign Language, manual communication, spoken English
- **Educational Interpreting:** EIPA, spoken to sign interpretation, sign to spoken interpretation
- **Instructional Support:** Tutorial guidance, lesson reinforcement, guided practice
- **IEP Support:** IEP goals, student meetings, progress reporting
- **Core Subjects:** Arithmetic, grammar, reading
- **Classroom Technology:** Computers, classroom software, keyboarding
- **Audiovisual Equipment:** Audiovisual tools, hearing aids, copiers
- **Records Management:** Student records, confidential files, progress notes
- **Safety Practices:** First Aid, CPR, blood borne pathogen procedures
- **School Activities:** Field trips, conferences, special events

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Educational interpreting professional serving Deaf and hard of hearing learners in Sonoma County.
- Collaborated with certificated teachers, administrators, and student support teams across inclusive classrooms.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Work Status : Authorized to work in United States. No sponsorship required.

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST