

**CLASS TITLE: INTERPRETER FOR THE DEAF**

**Class Code: 02831200**  
**Pay Grade: 14A**  
**EO: E**

**CLASS DEFINITION:**

**GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES:** To provide translation between manual and spoken communication in order to assist deaf clients in receiving rehabilitative services; and to do related work as required.

**SUPERVISION RECEIVED:** Works under the supervision of a superior who makes assignments with specific and general instructions; work is reviewed for results attained.

**SUPERVISION EXERCISED:** Usually none.

**ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED:**

To provide translation between manual and spoken communication in order to assist deaf clients in receiving rehabilitative services.

To interpret the sign language of the deaf into oral or written language for hearing individuals or others not conversant in sign language.

To serve as an interpreter whenever needed or requested for a hearing impaired client to complete medical, audiological, and/or psychological evaluation.

To assist on assigned functions in implementing a public information and relations program with respect to the deaf community.

To assist in operating telecommunicative devices for the deaf, when necessary.

Under special circumstances, to conduct short-term training in manual communication with deaf clients unable to attend regular courses.

To assist in developing and maintaining a register of deaf clients in the state.

To participate in job placement activities with deaf clients in facilities contacts with prospective employers; after placement, to engage in such follow-up activities as interpreting orientation proceedings or new assignments.

To do related work as required.

**REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT:**

**KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND CAPABILITIES:** A thorough knowledge of sign language for the deaf; the ability to translate spoken material into sign language for the understanding of the deaf; the ability to interpret sign language for hearing individuals; the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with agency personnel, clients, and the public; and related capacities and abilities.

**EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:**

**Education:** Such as may have been gained through: graduation from a senior high school and successful completion of a course in sign language for the deaf; and

**Experience:** Such as may have been gained through: employment in a job entailing interrelating with deaf clientele.

**Or,** any combination of education and experience that shall be substantially equivalent to the above education and experience.

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