The ASL/English Interpreting major prepares students to work with children and adults who are Deaf or have a hearing loss. Intensive training provides graduates with knowledge and authentic experiences to become confident, professional interpreters who are qualified to practice in educational and community settings.

**WHY CHOOSE KENT STATE UNIVERSITY**

**An intensive program that helps students gain competence in:**
- Ethical and Professional Decision-Making
- Interpreting Process Models
- Interpreting Proficiency
- National Certification Preparation

**There is a shortage of trained professionals who can interpret**
- Employment is expected to grow 17% from 2016 to 2026  
  *U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics*
- Ohio is ranked 6th in the nation with highest employment level in interpreting and translating  
  *National Consortium of Interpreter Education Centers*
- For the next 10 years, it is expected that more interpreters are retiring from the field than entering it

**Graduates make a difference by working in:**
- Educational Settings (PreK-12)
- Medical and Mental Health Settings
- Social Services Agencies
- Governmental Offices

*School of Lifespan Development and Educational Sciences*  
*We invite you to learn more:*  
www.kent.edu/ehhs/ldes/asei
ASL/English Interpreting
American Sign Language/English Interpreting (ASEI)

Interpreting Practicum
Extensive, creative, & diverse practicum experiences

The capstone course is a semester-long placement with an experienced educational interpreter. The goal of this placement is for students to gradually assume all the interpreting duties of the educational interpreter while receiving daily mentoring. Community-based experiences are also throughout the program.

These experiences give our graduates an advantage when applying for jobs since their resume includes a semester of full-time work experience as an interpreter.

Employment of Our Graduates
In a survey of graduates from the past five years, 89% of those employed said that they found their job in 0-3 months. N=33 | Alumni '12- '16

Community settings
Our graduates interpret in a vast array of community settings, such as:
- Business and industry
- Government
- Medical
- Mental health
- Performing arts
- Post-secondary
- Religious
- Video relay

K-12 setting
ASEI graduates may apply for Ohio licensure, which allows them to interpret in PreK-12 schools. The state of Ohio licensure for interpreters mandates 300 practicum hours in a PreK-12 setting.

Fast Facts

Our FACULTY are ALL nationally certified sign language interpreters with over 70 years of combined experience.

OVER 450 hours of diverse practicum experiences for our students, both in and out of state:
- Public and deaf residential schools
- The Deaf-Blind community
- Video relay companies
- Center of Science and Industry in Columbus

Spring 2017 Enrollment
57 ASEI students
Source: Kent State's IR Office

Student Satisfaction

"Since graduating from the interpreting program at Kent State, I have found that my training has prepared me for the wide array of situations I come across every day...KSU gave me the foundation to continue learning as an interpreter every single day."
- Amanda, Kent State '14

"The program at Kent State gave me all of the tools I need to be a professional interpreter."
- Kaylee, Kent State '15

"The interpreting program at Kent State University is the best decision I ever made. No one believes in you more than your teachers/professors do. Their passion and dedication to the field of interpreting is felt in every class taught, every assignment given, and in every piece of advice shared."
- Julia, Kent State '16

For more information on the ASL/English Interpreting program...
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