

# Transfer Student Guide: Pima Community College

## Deaf Studies/Educational Interpreting ▶▶▶

### ADMISSIONS

The University of Arizona requires a Professional Admissions application to earn entry into the College of Education’s deaf studies program. The application should be completed while applying for transfer admission to the university, although students may transfer as a pre-deaf studies major and apply in a future semester.

An emphasis area is required in educational interpreting or in a customizable area based on career goals. The educational interpreting emphasis is the best option for a career in ASL interpreting; see page 2 for additional requirements. Additional career areas and graduate programs include: 1) counseling, 2) deaf education, 3) teaching ASL, and 4) advocacy.

### IN ADDITION TO COMPLETION OF THE AGEC-A OR AN ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE, THE FOLLOWING PRE-PROFESSIONAL COURSES ARE REQUIRED FOR PROFESSIONAL ADMISSION:

| Pima Community College courses   | Completion status at time of application                          | University of Arizona courses                                       |
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| <b>ASL 202:</b> American Sign Language (4 <sup>th</sup> semester)<br>Or fluency through ASL 4 <sup>th</sup> semester via a UA proficiency exam | Must be completed or in progress                                  | <b>SERP 431B:</b> American Sign Language (4 <sup>th</sup> semester) |
| <b>ASL 200:</b> Introduction to the Deaf Community   | Can be completed at PCC or UA anytime after completion of ASL 202 | <b>SERP 433B:</b> Language & Culture of Deaf Community              |
| <b>ASL 203:</b> Comparative Analysis of ASL & English  |   | <b>SERP 433A:</b> Intro to the structure of ASL                     |
| <b>ASL 215:</b> Literature: Narratives   |   | <b>SERP 433D:</b> Literature & Film                                 |

Visit [coe.arizona.edu/future\\_students/transfer](https://coe.arizona.edu/future_students/transfer) to learn more.

Identify your UA COE major advisor at [coe.arizona.edu/advisors](https://coe.arizona.edu/advisors) or 520-621-7865.

This information is provided as a transfer guide and does not constitute as academic advising. This is not intended for current University of Arizona students. Please see an advisor to discuss any non-UA coursework. Program requirements are subject to change.



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA  
College of Education

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL ADMISSIONS APPLICATION PROCESS

The Professional Admission application is used to ensure all eligible students meet coursework requirements by the application deadline. To be a qualified applicant, students should focus on strong overall academic performance and demonstrate commitment to the deaf community. **Applications are due the second Friday of February by 4 p.m.** to begin the program in the following fall semester. Those applying for the educational interpreting track must:

- ▶ Apply to be admitted to UA for summer (semester prior to fall start of professional program)
- ▶ Complete SERP 444a (Intensive ASL) in summer (typically held M-F in first 5 week session)
- ▶ Participate in interview process at the end of SERP 444A

## PROFESSIONAL ADMISSIONS CONSIDERS THE FOLLOWING SELECTION CRITERIA:

### Grade Point Average

Program applicants are required to demonstrate a strong GPA (minimum 2.5; 3.0 preferred), but all applicants are considered and reviewed holistically and on a case-by-case basis. Demonstrating a GPA below 2.5 does not necessarily indicate ineligibility for the program; speak with a UA COE advisor to learn more.

### Foundation Coursework

Students should be approaching junior standing (60 units) by the end of the semester in which they are applying. AGEC or its equivalent should be completed and includes the following completed coursework:

- ▶ WRT 101 and WRT 102
- ▶ Foundational math (consult with UA COE advisor to discuss options if not completing AGEC)

### Recommendations

You will need two original, professional letters of recommendation on the affiliated organization's letterhead:

- ▶ 1 letter to document your ASL fluency
- ▶ 1 letter to support your professionalism, strengths, and/or commitment to serving the deaf community

### Fingerprint Clearance Requirement (for educational interpreting track only)

Applicants must provide a copy (front and back) of their Arizona IVP fingerprint clearance card at the time of admission. If you do not have this card, visit [azdps.gov/services/public/fingerprint](http://azdps.gov/services/public/fingerprint).

### Essay

Describe your experience working with children and/or youth in educational settings and why you want to work in your chosen profession. This should be a 500-750 word essay that outlines some of the work you have done with children, including activities you have participated in or directed. It should summarize your overall experience and motivations for your intended profession supporting the deaf community or ASL interpreting.

*(Optional) Additional Essay\**: If your GPA is below the required 2.50 and/or you are missing any application requirements, please prepare an additional essay addressing the circumstances that have affected your GPA/ability to complete all application requirements by the deadline. *\*Ask your UA COE advisor if you are unsure about completing this essay.*

### Maintain Good Academic Standing

Students must be admitted to the University of Arizona and be in good academic standing (UA GPA of 2.0 or higher) at the beginning of the semester in which they intend to begin their upper-division courses.