

# American Sign Language-English Interpreting

DIVISION OF  
BEHAVIORAL  
SCIENCES

## PROGRAMS OF STUDY:



B.A. in American Sign Language-English Interpreting

## EXTERNAL RELATIONSHIPS

- Bridges for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Gate Communications
- Knoxville Center of the Deaf
- Tennessee Association of the Deaf (Knoxville)
- Tennessee School for the Deaf

## GRADUATE SCHOOL PLACEMENTS

Gallaudet University  
George Mason University  
University of Tennessee-Knoxville  
University of North Florida

## JOB PLACEMENTS

Alabama Dept. of Mental Health Central Office  
Community Advocacy Network  
East Tennessee Technology Access Center  
Knoxville Center of the Deaf  
Knox County Schools  
Pellissippi State Technical Community College  
Sign Language Specialists of Western PA, Inc.  
Sorenson Communications  
University of Tennessee-Knoxville

## ON-CAMPUS RESOURCES

Our Deaf consultants support both the ASL Deaf Studies and ASL English Interpreting programs, ensuring an immersive and engaging learning environment.

The MC Sign Language Club is a vibrant campus organization where students network and share their journeys while immersing themselves in American Sign Language.



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## Why study ASL-English Interpreting at Maryville College?

In 1974, Maryville College became the first college in the United States to offer a bachelor's degree in ASL-English Interpreting. During the 50 years since that first offering, our graduates have gone on to impressive careers with various community interpreting services, remote interpreting companies, public school systems, universities, a wide variety of corporations, and state and federal agencies.

Are you ready to be one of them? Sign language interpreters provide information access for people who are Deaf or Deaf-blind in a wide range of everyday settings such as buying a home, adopting a child, taking a cruise, pursuing educational goals, conducting business meetings and job interviews. Skilled professional interpreters may own a business or thrive as staff interpreters, interpret solo or as members of an interpreting team. Interpreters also can specialize in education, healthcare, legal and/or video relay services. The major prepares students for immediate employment or advanced studies in interpreting and various related fields.

## MEET A CURRENT SCOT



### Rebecca Johnson

Hometown: Maryville, Tennessee

Rebecca chose MC as it is one of a few 4-year institutions that offers a degree in ASL-English Interpreting and has extracurricular activities that aligned with her interests. She is involved in three vocal performance groups and the Tartanband and serves as an academic mentor.

After graduation, Rebecca plans to focus on educational interpreting or community interpreting through an agency and become a certified ASL interpreter. At MC, she has

learned under a Deaf professor and attended, as a requirement for ASL and interpreting classes, Deaf events such as ASL Night at the Knoxville Ice Bears and KCD's Deaf Coffee Chats. "Learning ASL in an immersive environment has fostered a lot of growth in my skills and knowledge," she said.

## MEET A RECENT GRAD



### Betty White '24

Currently: ASL Interpreter Apprentice with ZP VRS

Betty transferred to Maryville College for the ASL English Interpreting program. "A liberal arts education is exactly the foundation that ASL interpreters need," she said. Interpreting calls for Deaf clients all over the country, she now regularly pulls information from other topics she learned as part of her MC education.

While a student, Betty interned at the Alabama Institute of the Deaf (ALDB), which gave her a place to both improve her skills and learn about different career options in the interpreting profession. She also credits her professors for providing encouragement to continue through difficulties. Betty is working toward state licensure in Alabama with plans to pursue national certification. She hopes to eventually obtain a Qualified Mental Health Interpreter certification.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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