

Interested Applicants

To: All Individuals Interested in Entering the Interpreter Training Program

From: April Starks, Coordinator

Re: Requirements for Entering the Interpreter Training Program

Graduating from our program will give you a two-year Associate of Applied Science degree. The first step in entering our program is to apply to the College. Your first year will be spent taking general education classes and American Sign Language classes.

Upon completion of the pre-interpreter classes, you will be eligible to submit an application of intent for admission into the Interpreter Training Program if you kept a minimum grade of "C" in ASL courses. Admission to the Interpreter Training Program is competitive and students must make formal application. Admission to Pierpont C&TC is not synonymous with admission to the ITP. Your application will be reviewed and the student will be notified of the committee's decision by mail.

Criteria for Admission to the A.A.S Degree. Limited Enrollment!

Pre-Admission Requirements

- Admission to Pierpont C&TC is not synonymous with Admission to the ITP.
- Minimum grade of "C" or higher in ASL courses.

Upon completion of pre-admission requirements students will submit an application of intent for admission to the ITP to April Starks, coordinator 301A Jaynes Hall. The formal application of intent will be accepted based upon completion of the following requirements:

Admission Requirements:

- Pierpont C&TC GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- Successfully completed ASL courses with a grade of "C" or higher.
- Must earn a 17 or higher on the Reading section of the ACT **OR** a COMPASS Reading placement score of 75 or higher.
- Completed an admission interview by the ITP Interview Committee.

The ITP Interview Committee will select and rank applicants using the following criteria: 1) signing skills, 2) GPA, 3) reading test score, 4) interview score, 5) written essay score, 6) disposition score. The ITP Interview Committee will review application and the student will be notified of the committee's decision by mail.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact April Starks at (304)367-4252 or astarks@pierpont.edu. Thank you for your interest in the Pierpont C&TC Interpreter Training Program.

Dear Student:

Thank you for your interest in the A.A.S. Interpreter Training program of Pierpont Community & Technical College. This is an exciting new program, and admission to this program is competitive. Please review the information below to ensure your best chances of being a successful candidate for admissions in to this program.

Before completing a formal application, students must first meet these minimum criteria:

Successful completion of Pierpont Community & Technical College's

American Sign Language Advanced Skill Set with a minimum of a "C" in ASL courses.

Overall Pierpont C&TC Grade Point Average (GPA) of **2.5**; Minimum **ACT** Reading score of 18 **OR** COMPASS Reading score of 75.

Students who meet these criteria may then complete a formal application to the program and submit to the ITP Coordinator in 301A Jaynes Hall. Applications can be obtained on-line at <http://www.pierpont.edu/schoolofacademicstudies/academics/interpreter-training-program>. **Deadline for submission of applications is May 1.**

All students who meet the minimum criteria will be invited to meet with the Interview Committee and will be asked to display signing skills, essay writing skills. **No student, regardless of GPA, will be admitted to the program without a personal interview.**

Students will be ranked according to a combination of their standing in the minimum admissions qualifications and the interview process. All students will be notified in writing of the committee's decision.

Please contact me if you have any additional questions about the Interpreter Training Program or the application process.

Sincerely,

April Starks, Coordinator Interpreter Training
Program (304) 367-4252
April.Starks@pierpont.edu

**Pierpont Community and Technical College
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Application**

Applicant Check List

For full consideration to be given, the following items should be included when submitting your application.

Application _____
Transcript _____
Video _____
GPA _____



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To be completed by student

Name _____
Last First M.I.

Mailing Address _____
Number Street

City State Zip Code

Telephone _____
Area Code Number

E-mail: _____

Applicant's Signature _____

Video

Share with us your views on Deaf culture/community and what effects has it had on you. Refer to any relevant information about personal experiences that may have effected your views.

Note: This video will be judged on vocabulary, linguistic structure, clarity, flow/fluency, non-manual markers, sign production and sign selection. It must be at least 7-10 minutes in length. Please submit this signed form with your video attached.



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Name _____
Last First M.I.

Mailing Address _____
Number Street

City State Zip Code

Telephone _____
Area Code Number

E-mail: _____

Applicant's Signature _____

Essay

Share with us why you would make an outstanding ASL/English Interpreter and what contributions you think you will make to the field. Include any relevant information about past work or personal experiences that demonstrate your aptitude for the physical and intellectual demands of a career as a sign language interpreter.

Note: This essay will be judged on vocabulary, grammar, mechanics, style and creativity. It must be typed and at least one page in length. Please submit this signed form with your essay attached.