



**College Internship/Mentorship Application Process
Academic Year 2009-2010**

Thank you for your interest in applying to become an intern within our agency for the upcoming academic year. We have confidence that you will find our agency to be one of the premier agencies in the nation providing outstanding interpreting and related services.

American Sign Language Interpreting Services (ASL Services, Inc.) is a nationwide company dedicated to providing the highest quality of professional and ethical Sign Language services at reasonable prices to the community in accordance with the communication preferences of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing persons we serve.

Since 1989, ASL Services has set the regional standard in bridging communication and enhancing the quality of interaction between the Deaf and Hearing communities.

The ASL Services staff lives up to the highest standards of education and training.

Angela Roth, CSC, NIC, ASL Services President/CEO is a nationally recognized leader in the field of American Sign Language interpreting, leads our agency to offer highest interpreting quality and ethics.

Jason Hurdich, ASL Services' on-site Director of Professional Development, Deaf himself, and a graduate from Boston University. Jason brings to ASL Services 17 years of teaching experience from major universities and colleges throughout the nation. Jason has been involved in training interpreters and interpreting students since 1993 and works as a Deaf interpreter for the agency.

Tara Roth-Mollinedo, ASL Services' on-site Director of Training. Tara works along with Jason on mentoring and internship. Tara has been interpreting since 1999. Tara received her national certification in 1999 and NIC-Master in 2009. As the Director of Training for ASL Services and Gracias Video Relay Services she works in a communication based profession and recognizes how collaborated efforts in communication are vital to do what is right, support the team, and deliver a superb product.

ASL Services provides primary interpreting services within Central Florida's region in a variety type of settings and is the contractor for interpreting services for major theme parks in Central Florida. ASL Services proudly employs one of the highest ratios of RID nationally certified interpreters on staff.

If you wish to apply for an internship/practicum experience at ASL Services, please send an application package consisting of:

- Two letters of recommendations (one must be from a professor within your ITP/IPP or related program, and the other is at your discretion—no personal references will be accepted)
- A current official college transcript (Unofficial transcripts will not be accepted)
- A resume outlining your working experience, any prior interpreting experience including formal/informal training and current number of interpreting observation hours completed.
- Copies of certificates of any interpreting or Deaf-related workshops or training that you have received in the last five years.
- Copies of certificates of any affiliations to Deaf or interpreting organizations (i.e. RID, NAD, local Deaf and/or interpreting organizations, etc.)
- Copies of any test results that you have taken in related to interpreting, if any, (i.e. RID/NIC Written Examination, State of Florida QA Written or Performance Exam Results, etc.)
- A video of yourself (criteria is listed below)
- Please answer each of the following questions listed below and submit them in an **essay format**.
 - What are your current strengths and challenges in your interpreting skills that you hope ASL Services to help you to improve? (500 words)
 - Describe your post-graduation plans after your internship. (300 words)
 - Why should ASL Services select you as an intern? (250 words)

We require a video of you meeting the criteria listed below.

The video needs to be in **DVD format** and viewable on a standard DVD player.

There are two parts for the video portion of your application

2. (Part 1) You will begin with a short introduction of yourself in **ASL**.
 - Give your name; where you are from.
 - Why do you want to be an interpreter?
 - What interpreting experience have you had thus far?
 - Please state your future goals as an interpreter after graduation.
 - Describe yourself: hobbies, personality traits, and etcetera.

PLEASE LIMIT THIS SECTION TO A MAXMIUM OF FIVE MINUTES.

3. (Part 2) We require each candidate to submit an interpreting sample.
- Please make arrangements with your ITP/IPP practicum instructor for this part.
 - Your interpreting sample must be done “cold” where you can’t know the material prior to interpreting except for the topic that will be discussed.
 - Please submit the name of the person that videotaped you and their e-mail address and phone number for ASL Services to verify that you have done this interpreting portion “cold.”
 - **Interpret 5 minutes from Voice to Sign.**
 - **Interpret 5 minutes from Sign to Voice.**

The application deadlines for the academic year of 2009-2010 are listed below:

Spring 2010 Semester/Quarter: **November 18, 2009**
Summer 2010 Semester/Quarter: **March 10, 2010**
Fall 2010 Semester/Quarter: **June 30, 2010**

Please send your complete application package in attention of:

Mr. Jason Hurdich
Director of Professional Development
ASL Services, Inc.
3700 Commerce Blvd 2nd Floor
Kissimmee, FL 34741

Any uncompleted applications **will not be** accepted after the posted deadline.

The application review process will start right after the application deadline.

If you pass the initial review, you will be contacted for a personal interview via a Video Phone (VP) at your college/university or via other technological means.

If you are accepted to our college internship program, you have 5 business days to decide whether or not you will accept our offer.

Please feel free to contact us at jasonh@aslservices.com if there are any questions or concerns.

We look forward receiving and reviewing your application.

Jason Hurdich
Director of Professional Development, ASL Services
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