

**HILLSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA  
ARTICULATION AGREEMENT  
Sign Language Interpretation  
Communication Sciences and Disorders**

- I. **Title of Articulation Agreement:** Associate in Science (AS) Sign Language Interpretation/Bachelor of Arts in Communication Sciences and Disorders.
- II. **Type of Agreement:** Associate in Science Transfer Agreement
- III. **Purpose:** The purpose of the following articulated curriculum agreement is to facilitate the transfer of Associate in Science/Sign Language Interpretation program graduates from Hillsborough Community College to the Bachelor of Arts in Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of South Florida (USF).

IV. **USF Program Information:**

Major: Communication Sciences and Disorders  
 College: Arts and Sciences  
 Degree: Bachelor of Arts  
 Program: Speech, Language, Hearing (LSH); Deaf Studies (DST); Interpreter Training Program (ITT)  
 Option/Track: Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders  
 Limited Access: No  
 Contact: HCC: Articulation Officer (253-7059)  
 USF: Tampa, Coordinator of Advising, Arts and Sciences (813) 974-2503; Coordinator of Advising, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at 974-7428 or via e-mail at [csdadvising@chuma1.cas.usf.edu](mailto:csdadvising@chuma1.cas.usf.edu)

V. **Community College Curriculum**

**Prerequisites for admission to the Sign Language Interpretation Program (8 cr. hrs.):**

SPA 1612	American Sign Language I	3 cr.
SPA 1612L	American Sign Language I Laboratory	1 cr.
SPA 1613	American Sign Language II	3 cr.
SPA 1613L	American Sign Language II Laboratory	1 cr.
<b>Total</b>		<b>8 cr.</b>

**General Education Requirements (25 cr. hrs.):**

BSC 1085/L	Human anatomy and Physiology I & Lab*	4 cr.
BSC 1086/L	Human Anatomy and Physiology II & Lab*	4 cr.
ENC 1101	Freshman English I	3 cr.
ENC 1102	Freshman English II	3 cr.
	ANY transferable General Education mathematics course	3 cr.
	ANY transferable General Education humanities course	3 cr.
	Specified General Education Social Science course	3 cr.
<b>Total</b>		<b>25 cr.</b>

\* If not taken at HCC, it must be taken at USF during the first semester.

**Sign Language Interpretation Program:**

EHD 1000	Orientation to Deafness **	3 cr.
EHD 2930	Internship Topics	2 cr.
EHD 1941	Interpreting Practicum	2 cr.
EHD 2942	Interpreting Internship	3 cr.
EHD 2410	Interactive Interpreting I	3 cr.
EHD 2410	Interactive Interpreting I Laboratory	2 cr.
EHD 2411L	Interactive Interpreting II Laboratory	3 cr.
EHD 2412L	Interactive Transliterating Laboratory	2 cr.
REA 2505	Vocabulary Improvement	3 cr.
SPA 2001	Survey of Communication Disorders	3 cr.
EHD 2060	Introduction to Interpreting Ethics	3 cr.
SPA 1626	Fingerspelling	2 cr.
SPA 1617	Applied Linguistics of American Sign Language	4 cr.
SPA 2614	American Sign Language III	1 cr.
SPA 2614L	American Sign Language III Laboratory	2 cr.
SPA2615	American Sign Language IV	1 cr.
SPA 2615L	American Sign Language IV Laboratory	2 cr.

**Additional Credits:**

EHD 2402	Educational Interpreting	2 cr.
EHD 2402L	Educational Interpreting Lab	1 cr.
EHD 2407L	Sign-to-Voice Interpreting Lab (Lab only)	2 cr.

**Total HCC Credits 72cr.**

\*\* HCC is in the process of requesting a prefix change for this class from EHD to SPA from the state.

**VI. University Curriculum**

Students choosing the Communication Sciences and Disorders may select from the following majors: speech and hearing sciences (LSH), interpreter training program (ITT), and deaf studies (DST). Each of these interdisciplinary options could lead to graduate study in such fields as speech-language pathology, audiology, or deaf education.

Required courses in the major (42 semester hours minimum). Course work required at USF will be outlined when the student matriculates.

A minimum of 30 hours must be completed at the 3000 level or higher.

Completion of the speech-language-hearing (LSH) program of study in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders leads to graduate study in audiology, aural rehabilitation (deaf education), or speech-language pathology (speech therapy or speech science).

Total USF cr. hrs. 60 cr.  
HCC/USF total hrs.

## VII. Provisions:

### A. Admissions –

1. USF: USF will admit to the junior level status toward a bachelor of arts degree those students who complete the articulated AS degree in the Sign Language Interpretation Program at HCC, the prescribed coursework contained in this agreement, and any applicable provisions.

### B. Catalog in Effect/Continuous Enrollment –

1. HCC: Students will use the catalog year in effect during the period of continuous enrollment for fulfilling the degree requirements. Continuous enrollment is maintained by being enrolled for at least one term each academic year.
2. USF: A degree-seeking student may choose any USF catalog published during his/her continuous enrollment. Students who have transferred from one public institution to another are affected by the following State Board of Education policy. Graduation requirements in effect at the receiving state university at the time a student enrolls at a public institution of higher learning shall apply to the student in the same manner that graduation requirements apply to its native students provided that the student has had continuous enrollment as defined in the state university's catalog.

Continuous enrollment is defined as completing a minimum of two semesters (Fall, Spring, Summer) as a degree-seeking student per year at USF. Therefore, students cannot choose a catalog published prior to or during an academic year in which they did not maintain continuous enrollment.

### C. Statewide Foreign Language Requirement –

Students who have not completed two years of sequential foreign language study or American Sign Language (ASL) in high school, must complete 8 hours of college-level foreign language or American Sign Language at HCC. If this requirement is not completed at HCC, it must be completed at USF prior to graduation.

**Note:** Students who select ASL as their foreign language and are seeking a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders, are required by the Department of Communications and Science Disorders to satisfactorily complete at least one upper level course in ASL at the University of South Florida or to demonstrate proficiency in ASL.

### D. College Level Academic Skills Test (CLAST) –

Students must meet the provisions of the State Board of Education Rule 6-A10.312, .313, and .314 that require successful completion of the CLAST. Students must take the CLAST and pass 3 of the 4 subtests prior to being admitted to USF as a degree student.

E. **College-level Computation and Communication Requirement (Gordon Rule)**

Students are subject to State Board of Education Rule 6-A-10.30, College-level Computation and Communication Skills (Gordon Rule) in which the student is required to demonstrate writing skills, and completion of a minimum of 6 credits of mathematics coursework at the level of college algebra or higher.

F. **General Education Requirements –**

Students will complete initial general education courses at HCC. Any remaining general education courses may be completed at either HCC or USF.

G. **Grading Policies –**

HCC: Students must earn a 2.00 grade point average in order to receive an associate degree

USF: Students must maintain a 2.00 GPA in order to remain at the university. Graduation will require an overall GPA of 2.5 or a 2.5 GPA in each of the professional and specialization areas.

H. **Forgiveness –**

HCC: Courses may be repeated, but only the last grade will be computed in a student's grade point average except for those courses specifically approved for repeat credit.

USF CSD: A student must receive a "C" grade or better in all courses within the major and those that are required prerequisites. Any student who receives a grade of "D" or lower in more than two USF Communication Sciences and Disorders courses will be automatically barred from continuing as an undergraduate major in LSH, DST, or ITT. Grade forgiveness may be used for two courses only and may be used only for course work taken in the first year of study. Courses that comprise the second year of the major may not be repeated.

I. **Substitutions –**

Substitutions of coursework approved by the dean or program director will be honored by USF.

J. **Minimum Upper Division Coursework –**

A minimum of 60 hours of coursework must be completed at USF.

K. **Statewide Common Course Numbering System –**

This agreement is in compliance with the Statewide Articulation Agreement regarding the Statewide Common course Numbering system rules on course equivalency.

L. **Immunization –**

Students who matriculate to a state university are required to provide proof of immunization against Rubeola (measles) and Rubella (German measles) prior to enrollment.

M. **Updates –**

General: This agreement is subject to change by legislative action, the Department of Education, the State Board of Education, the Division of Colleges and Universities, the Division of Community Colleges and/or external accrediting agencies.

Updates: This articulated curriculum agreement will be reviewed and updated periodically by HCC and USF.

N. **Internship –** HCC and USF concur that a second internship during the senior year is of value to the students.

O. **Other –** An unapproved variation of this program by the student may result in additional required coursework.

This agreement is effective beginning September 1, 2003 and will be an ongoing agreement.

Either party upon 60 days written notice may terminate this agreement.

**APPROVALS**

Hillsborough Community College

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair, Board Trustees                      Date

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
President                                      Date

Acting for and on behalf of the University of South Florida Board of Trustees,  
a Public Body Corporate, for its College of Arts and Sciences, Department of  
Communication Sciences and Disorders

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Dr. Renu Khator, Provost

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved as to Form and Legality

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Henry W. Lavandera, Attorney, USF