

Sign Language Interpretation Skills

Use the following lists to show your technical skills on your resume and cover letter. You may have additional skills not shown on this list. List your skills in a separate Skills/Qualifications section on your resume. Highlight the most relevant skills in the middle paragraph of your cover letter.

Sample Skills w/ Skill Headings

Interpretation/Transliteration

- ASL to English/English to ASL interpreting
- Transliterating
- Fingerspelling
- Deaf-blind (tactile) interpreting
- Educational Interpreting
- Business/Government Interpreting
- Medical interpreting
- Legal interpreting
- Theatrical/performing arts/platform interpreting
- Conference interpreting
- Technology/IT interpreting
- Articulation and voicing skills
- Understanding of Deaf culture
- Adherence to Code of Professional Conduct

Languages

- American Sign Language (ASL)
- Pidgin Signed English (PSE)/ Contact Sign
- Signing Exact English (SEE)
- Fingerspelling
- British Sign Language (BSL)
- International Sign (Gestuno)
- Fluency in English, Spanish, etc. (May be required for some positions)

Relay Services

- Video Relay Services (VRS)
- Video Remote Interpreting (VRI)
- Audio transcription
- TRS technologies including TDD (TTY), VCO, STS, VRS and captioned telephone

Transferable Skills

- Knowledge of ADA requirements and accommodations
- Customer service
- Public speaking/presentation skills
- Grammar, spelling and punctuation skills
- Clear criminal background check
- Ethical behavior and professional judgment

Interpretation

- Effectively interpret/transliterate using ASL and English
- Provided interpreting services in a variety of settings including education, healthcare and business
- Skilled in consecutive and simultaneous interpretation
- Acted as liaison between Deaf, Hard of Hearing and hearing peers
- Provided in-class interpretation of live presenters and group discussions
- Carefully observe confidentiality according to industry standards
- Skilled at listening and interpreting intended meaning as well as words
- Attuned to nuances of meaning in speech
- Ability to interpret the same meaning and feeling as the speaker
- Accurately interpret common industry phrases, business lingo and metaphors

Cultural Awareness

- Strong understanding of Deaf Culture
- Demonstrated flexibility and understanding of Deaf and hearing client needs
- Awareness of cross-cultural communications and international affairs
- Fluent in Spanish, as well as knowledgeable of Latino cultural and social norms

Specialties

- Skilled at interpreting for a wide range of specialized topics: _____, _____, _____
- Familiarity with legal (medical) terms
- Understanding of courtroom practices and legal ethics
- Engaged in advocacy and political action relating to deaf issue of _____
- Adept at understanding and interpreting technical information, such as _____
- Interpreted between spoken languages and ASL
- Interpreted for children (K-12), adapting communication to their language and cognitive abilities
- Familiar with educational tutoring goals and strategies in K-12 settings
- Experience interpreting during business presentations, lectures, meetings, and training sessions
- Thorough understanding of corporate culture and how the structure works