

Miami-Dade College
INT 1941 - Interpreting Internship

Catalog Description:

The course includes field observation and supervised practical interpreting experience in a one-to-one interpreting situation in the community. The student is assigned to a practicing interpreter who acts as a mentor for the duration of the internship. A minimum of 225 hours is spent in the internship experience. This includes meetings with college staff and the interpreter/mentor. (225 hrs.)

5 Credits

Prerequisites: All courses in the subject major must have been completed prior to enrolling in this course.

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: In an actual employment setting, students will apply the skills and knowledge that have been learned in the classroom by:

- a. communicating and interpreting appropriately for the consumers involved and the demands of the employment setting
- b. performing tasks in an ethical manner, adhering to the R.I.D. Code of Ethics
- c. conducting themselves in a professional manner, as would be expected of any employee working in the internship setting.

Competency 2: Students will improve interpreting skill and professionalism as an employee by:

- a. receiving feedback from the interpreter-mentor
- b. interacting with deaf and hard of hearing persons
- c. communicating with host agency supervisors and staff

Competency 3: By participating in the internship experience, students will acquire skills and knowledge that could not be gained easily in the classroom setting. This includes:

- a. acquiring a realistic picture of present abilities as compared to those of an entry-level interpreter
- b. using problem-solving techniques to address real-world interpreting situations
- c. acquiring entry-level professional experience in actual interpreting situations
- d. acquiring access to on-going communication with deaf and hard of hearing persons, to improve his/her receptive skills in sign language
- e. acquiring new vocabulary, particularly specialized terms related to the employment setting

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