



To: Potential students
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Re: Application process for the American River College, Interpreter Preparation Program (ARC IPP)

Thank you for your interest in the American River College Interpreter Preparation Program (ARC IPP). We are enthusiastically implementing the revisions to the program as we meet the changing requirements in the interpreting profession. Additionally, we are excited to have recently moved into our new Sign Language/Interpreting Lab complete with brand new Macintosh computers with built in webcams! One aspect of the revisions is an entry screening process.

Program information can be found at the ARC Sign Language Studies/Interpreter Preparation Program website:

http://www.arc.losrios.edu/Programs_of_Study/Humanities/Sign_Language_Studies.htm

At the site, you can find a **Program Summary** that includes enrollment eligibility, enrollment process, program description, learning outcomes, required courses, and suggested course sequencing for students accepted in the Interpreter Preparation Program. You will also find an **Application** and this **Introduction Letter**. Please download these documents and read carefully.

Submit the application and required documents postmarked by the **deadline, Friday, April 9, 2010**.

After the application deadline, qualified applicants will be contacted via the email and/or phone numbers listed on the application. Those qualified applicants will be asked to attend an all-day interview/screening day on **Saturday, April 24, 2010**. Those who do not qualify, at this time, will be notified.

There are many ways that you can prepare:

- Interact with deaf people!!
- Practice with your ASL 1-4 texts.
- Practice with other videos. Watch the ASL signer, paraphrase the presentation in ASL yourself, watch the ASL signer again and modify.
- Videotape yourself.
- Work with a deaf mentor.

Please feel free to contact me with questions via email: mccaffe@arc.losrios.edu or phone: (916) 484-8198.