

About El Camino College

Situated on a beautiful and spacious 126-acre campus in Torrance, California, El Camino College boasts a curriculum of 850 highly regarded academic and career programs taught by exceptional faculty.

El Camino College offers many outstanding features including:

- One of the leading transfer institutions in Southern California
- Over 27,000 students enroll each semester
- Transfer agreements with most four-year colleges and universities, including: University of California at Davis, Irvine, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz; and California State University, Northridge, and Dominguez Hills.
- Flexible scheduling
- Ranked among the largest single-campus two-year colleges in the nation
- Conveniently located
- Outstanding community education programs
- Over 80 highly acclaimed career programs available

Title IX Contact

*Dr. Jeanie M. Nishime, Vice President
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*Director
Staff and Student Diversity*

To encourage full inclusion in all programs and services, accommodations and alternate formats are available upon request by calling: 310-660-3315.

The El Camino Community College District is committed to providing equal opportunity in which no person is subjected to discrimination on the basis of ethnic group identification, national origin, religion, age, sex, race, color, ancestry, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability or retaliation.

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*Associate in Science Degree
& Certificate of Competence*

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Sign Language/Interpreter Training: A Challenging Career

What is the Sign Language/Interpreter Training Program?

The Sign Language/Interpreter Training program provides instruction in the language system most used by deaf persons, American Sign Language (ASL).

Students learn general communication skills in sign language classes. Advanced technical proficiency may be gained through interpreter training classes for those seeking a career or part-time employment serving as interpreters for deaf or hearing-impaired persons. Employment for interpreters can be found in classrooms, courts, or business and social situations.

What We Offer:

Associate in Science Degree

Upon completion of the degree or certificate, the student will be prepared for entry-level jobs interpreting in the educational, medical, and community settings. Students will obtain instruction in general communication skills for working with deaf and hearing-impaired individuals as well as acquire an understanding of the deaf culture. In the interpreting-level courses, students will gain technical skills, poise, and proficiency. The student will develop speed and accuracy in both simultaneous

and consecutive interpreting. Skills will be assessed through regular examinations, mock interviews, and portfolio review. Program assessment is conducted by monitoring student employment rates.

Sign Language/Interpreter Training – Associate in Science Degree

Certificate of Competence

A Certificate of Competence will be granted to the students completing the required courses with a grade average of B or better.

Employment Outlook

Three major legislative works paved the way for deaf individuals to participate in the mainstream of life. While this opened the doors for millions of deaf Americans, it also created a vast job market for people who possessed sign language skills or who wanted to learn sign language. There is and will be an increasing need for colleges, hospitals, and business industries to employ signers who have a high degree of proficiency, skill, and professionalism. Excitement and travel are available to those who seek job assignments as freelance interpreters.

Career Paths

- Sign Language Interpreter
- Teacher's Aide
- Independent Living Skills Aide
- Consumer Advocate
- Teacher of the Deaf
- Counselor/Therapist for the Deaf
- Rehabilitation Counselor
- Recreation Therapist



California Wages/Hour

\$23.74 - \$25.08

Source: *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2000-01 Edition*

<http://stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos085.htm>

