

EDUCATIONAL INTERPRETER - SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETING STANDARD CERTIFICATE (ENDORSEMENT CODE: 3463)

TO AVOID DELAYS: After applying online, please email any transcripts, letters, forms, copies of out-of-state certification or other required documents to certapplication@doe.nj.gov. Electronic transcripts must be sent directly from your university, college, clearinghouse or school. Please include your tracking number in the subject line of all correspondence with our office.

The Educational Interpreter endorsement is required for individuals who provide educational interpreting services, sign language interpreting, oral interpreting or cued speech transliteration to students who are deaf, hard of hearing or deaf-blind in grades preschool through 12.

To be eligible for issuance of a **standard** Educational Interpreter - Sign Language certificate, you will need to present one of the following options:

1. Hold an associate or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university and complete the following:
 - The Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) with a minimum score of three
 - 15 semester hour credits of professional education coursework that includes study in child development, language development, curriculum development, methods of instruction, interpreting for visually impaired or blind students and legal and ethical issues for educational interpreters. Such study may be part of the degree program or in addition to the degree program and may be completed at a regionally accredited two-year college.

OR

2. Have a high school diploma or a General Education Diploma (GED), demonstrated interpreting skills as evidenced through the possession of a sign language certificate from the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, the National Association of the Deaf or other Department-approved national accrediting agencies for sign language interpreting and complete the following:
 - The Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) with a minimum score of three
 - 15 semester hour credits of professional education coursework that includes study in child development, language development, curriculum development, interpreting for visually-impaired or blind students, legal and ethical issues for educational interpreters and methods of instruction. The study may be completed at a regionally accredited two-year college.

Please provide OFFICIAL course descriptions from your college/university catalogue for courses that you believe cover the areas above. The amount of credits needed to meet the required areas of study may exceed that of the required 15 credit minimum. This means that you may have to complete more than 15 credits in order to meet all required areas of study.

Fee Requirement

- No checks or money orders will be accepted
- Please make the payment online
- Please notify your examiner after payment has been made.
- If your application expires after six months, you will be charged a fee of \$70.
- All fees, including money left on file, are nonrefundable

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If the above requirements have been met, then you may complete the online application in the Teacher Certification Information System (TCIS).