

Kishwaukee College

Guidelines for Instructors with Deaf and Hearing Impaired

Students in the Classroom

A student who is deaf or hearing impaired usually requires some support services in the classroom. The following information will provide you with some general guidelines to assist you in providing a valuable educational experience to the deaf or hearing impaired student in your classroom. If you have any specific questions, please contact Kristin Taylor, Accommodations Specialist at 815-825-9467.

- It is very helpful to write new vocabulary and homework assignments on the blackboard.
- If possible, try not to move around too much. Avoid standing in front of a window as the glare will make it impossible for the student to read lips.
- When talking with the student, face the student directly. Talk at your normal rate of speed.
- During group discussions try to make sure only one person speaks at a time and that the hearing impaired student is aware of who is speaking.
- Be aware that the hearing impaired student cannot take in spoken instructions while continuing to read or write, as hearing students can. Write any changes on the blackboard.

Use of Interpreters/Captionists (CART) in the classroom

- Throughout the interpreting situation, the interpreter remains completely neutral. The interpreter does not participate in activities, act as an editor, prompt the student, etc.
- Please refrain from asking the interpreter personal questions about the student. Ask the student.
- When speaking to a student through an interpreter, always speak directly to the student. There is no need to say "ask him..." or "tell her..."
- Ask students to speak one at a time, as multiple conversations make the interpreting difficult.
- Be mindful whether you are moving fast and keep an eye on the interpreter to see if they appear to be keeping up with you.
- Please be aware that both interpreters and real-time captionists have a 24 hour cancellation policy. If at all possible alert DS (or the student) if you know class will be canceled or your course schedule will be changing.
- During group discussions please be prepared to pass the microphone to others to speak so the captionist can hear what is being said.
- Please understand that if internet connection is lost, so is CART. The student may need to make adjustments to try and remedy the problem or may lose it altogether.