J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College Course Content Summary

Course Prefix and Number: INT 130 Credits: 3

Course Title: Interpreting: An Introduction to the Profession

Course Description: Introduces basic principles and practices of interpreting, focusing on the history of the profession, logistics of interpreting situations, regulatory and legislative issues, resources, and the Code of Ethics. Describes the state quality assurance screening and national certification exam systems (National Interpreting Certification [NIC] Knowledge exam), including test procedures. Prerequisite: Placement for ENG 111. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose: To prepare students for successful completion of the National Interpreting Certification (NIC) Knowledge exam.

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:

Prerequisite: Placement for ENG 111

Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to

- a. Compare and contrast the difference between a "communicator" and an "interpreter" by describing at least one credential pertaining to each;
- b. Provide a basic overview of the history of the interpreting profession;
- c. Apply the NAD-RID Code of Professional Conduct with 80% accuracy;
- d. Identify and outline the salient features of regulatory and legislative issues regarding interpreting; and
- e. Describe the basic components of the NIC Knowledge exam.

Major Topics to Be Included:

- a. NAD-RID Code of Professional Conduct
- b. History of the profession of interpreting
- c. Logistics of interpreting
- d. Regulatory and legislative issues regarding interpreting
- e. ASL-English interpreter assessment

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