

## Contact Us

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## RESOURCES:

### *The National Association of the Deaf*

<http://nad.org/issues/american-sign-language>

### *The Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf*

<http://www.rid.org/about-interpreting/standard-practice-papers/>

### *National Technical Institute for the Deaf*

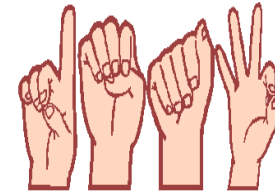
<https://www.rit.edu/ntid/cprint/>

### *NDC National Deaf Center on Secondary Outcomes*

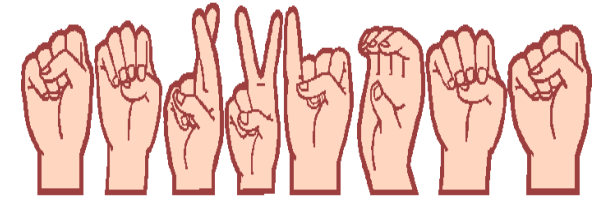
<https://www.nationaldeafcenter.org/sites/default/files/TipsheetsFAQs.pdf>

## TIPS:

- Talk directly to the D/deaf person—not to the service provider
- Don't try to scream or slow down too much—speak naturally
- Be aware of lighting and glare
- Avoid asking the service provider to add comments or to share opinions



# DEAF



# SERVICES

*We are committed to providing services and tools to D/deaf and Hard of Hearing students to create an accessible and successful college experience.*

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## What is “D/deaf Services”?

D/deaf Services provides a range of services and technologies to create access for students who are D/deaf, hard-of-hearing or have language-based disabilities.

D/deaf Services works within The Office of Disability Service (ODS) to offer academic and access accommodations upon request to students, faculty, staff and community members on all campuses.

### Student Responsibilities:

- ☼ Register with ODS and provide written documentation of your hearing loss, central auditory processing disorder, or language-based disability.
- ☼ Meet with the D/deaf Services Coordinator to discuss what services and accommodations may be appropriate.
- ☼ Meet with a learning specialist every semester to develop a pink accommodation sheet for academic accommodations.
- ☼ Request access to events and other campus activities in a timely manner.

## Sign Language Interpreters

Sign Language Interpreters accurately convey and culturally mediate messages between D/deaf and hearing individuals. Interpretations may include using American Sign Language (ASL); English; signed systems; or oral transliterations—depending on the consumer’s needs.

Interpreters will position themselves so that they can be seen by the D/deaf participant/s and be heard clearly by the hearing participants. Interpreters often work in teams to reduce inaccuracy due to fatigue and to ensure successful communication for all participants.

All interpreters are credentialed by the Registry of Interpreter’s for the Deaf, Inc. (RID). And/or the Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. (MCDHH)

### Other Services may Include:

- ☼ CART Providers
- ☼ Notesharers/Notetakers
- ☼ Oral Interpreters/Transliterations
- ☼ Specialize Testing
- ☼ Referrals
- ☼ Preferred Seating
- ☼ Advisement
- ☼ Deaf/low vision advocacy
- ☼ Assistive Technology

## Captionists

Captionists use a specialized software program developed by the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) to transform speech-to text. Based on the D/deaf individual’s needs, the captionist can create real-time transcript-style text or comprehensive, paraphrased notes. Upon request, the text can be displayed simultaneously on the consumer’s laptop or mobile device.

Transcripts and notes are not intended to be verbatim but instead are paraphrased to capture the spoken meaning. Captioning allows for maximum versatility in meeting students’ English-based access needs. BCC hires free-lance captionists credentialed by NTID and has one staff captionist.

### D/deaf Services also Advocates and Educates About:

- ☼ Effective Communication Strategies
- ☼ Universal Design for Learning
- ☼ Captioning
- ☼ Use of Access Logo