

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services

Working with Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

If a student who is Deaf, hard of hearing, or has an auditory processing disorder is in class, the Letter of Accommodation from SSD will list the accommodations that are appropriate for the student. Among these are:

- FM/Assisted Listening Devices
- Sign Language Interpreters
- Real Time Captioning
- Accessible Audio/Video Materials

There are several teaching techniques that are helpful for students with a hearing loss in your class. These include:

- Ensuring that lighting is adequate for the student to be able to see the interpreters.
- Avoiding standing with your back to light sources (such as windows). Doing so can create shadows on the face and prevents the student from speech-reading.
- Please provide to the interpreter a copy of the class syllabus and all handouts used in the class.
- Avoiding speaking while facing away from the class; avoiding covering the mouth and face with papers, books, hands, etc.
- Providing copies of overheads, PowerPoints, and other visual aids to the student in advance. A student watching an interpreter or a transcriber's computer screen cannot simultaneously see the material that you reference in class.
- Providing Elearning & Academic Technology (www.cocc.edu/elearning/ or 541-383-7785) information about media that you plan to use. A captioned copy will be provided for use when a student with a hearing loss is present in the class.
- Striving to minimize background/environmental noises.

For additional information, please contact the Interpreter/Coordinator at 541-383-7737 or dhagenbach@cocc.edu, or SSD Coordinator at 541-383-7743 or ajenkins2@cocc.edu.

[Sign Language Interpreters](#)

[FM](#)