When is the registration deadline?

- If applying through the MARIE Center, the deadline is April 1, 2011.
- If applying through the CATIE Center, the deadline is May 5, 2011.

MARIE will cover the cost of registration if you live within the MARIE region and apply through their application process. The MARIE region is made up of AR, CO, LA, MT, NM, ND, OK, SD, TX, UT and WY.

The registration deadline for the MARIE Center is earlier than the CATIE Center’s due to unique screening and assessments requirements.

What does my registration fee include?

- A shared dorm room at St. Catherine University
- Breakfast and lunch each day of the onsite event at the University’s cafeteria
- All activities (i.e., field trip transportation and entrance fees)

It does not include dinner, transportation to/from the airport, or incidentals (like shopping, snacks or rides at the Mall).

Do I have to attend the whole event?

- Yes! Only applicants who can attend the whole event will be selected. If you are selected and something comes up, a case-by-case decision will be made about the feasibility of still attending the event. Contact Amy Kroll as soon as possible.

The application states that I will need to complete a pre-/post- survey as well as a pre-/post- assessment. What is this and what is the difference?

- The pre-/post-survey is used by the CATIE Center to assess the effectiveness of the Immersion program. A confirmation letter will be sent to you by CATIE with specifics on how and when to complete the surveys.
- The pre-/post-assessment is a series of descriptions you will be asked to make in sign language. You will videotape yourself and send DVDs to the MARIE Center. This will be reviewed by a master teacher and provides information about your current skill level with expressive signing.
  - The pre-assessment will be submitted prior to the Immersion event while the post will be submitted afterwards. If you are selected to participate in the One-on-One Mentoring, the post will be completed after the five weeks.
Will RID CEUs be offered?

- Yes. The CATIE Center will be offering 4.5 RID CEUs in professional studies for the ASL Immersion event and the Deaf Mentor Training.

What if I can’t arrive on time or need to leave early?

- This is a very popular event with many applicants willing and able to arrive on time and stay for the full duration. As such, MARIE asks that all participants commit to the full program. Arriving late or leaving early only impacts your ability to glean all the learning possible.

What is the schedule like?

- The first activity is at 6:00pm Monday the 6th and the last activity ends at 1:30pm Friday the 10th.
- Plan to stay busy with lectures in the morning and afternoon fieldtrips. Evening will provide opportunities for additional activities and/or socializing.

Do I have to stay in the dorms?

- It’s recommended that participants stay in the dorms so that a full immersion experience can be had. If you choose to stay in other accommodation, transportation to and from as well as parking at campus become your expense. You may still eat breakfast and lunch with the group.

Someone else that I know was selected to go too. Can we share a dorm?

- If you have a special request for a specific roommate, indicate your preference in your confirmation response to the notification that you have been accepted into the program. Requests will be accommodated when possible. Men and women cannot share rooms due to campus housing policies.

What do I need to bring?

- CATIE will send out a confirmation letter which will detail what to bring with you. Lines and pillows are provided through dorm services.

Since dinner is on my own, what is available?

- Campus dining services is available for evening meals. In addition, there are at least 27 restaurants, grocery stores or coffee shops within two miles of campus. You will be provided with a list and a map at check in.
What is the weather like in St. Paul in June?

- Typically, temperatures are in the upper 60’s to lower 70’s during the day and 50’s-60’s at night. The dorms do not have air-conditioning but the classrooms do. Remember that afternoon will be spent off campus so you should dress accordingly.

Is there a dress code?

- Please dress in casual clothes avoiding busy prints (remember you will be signing all day long) and excessively revealing clothing (i.e., short shorts or miniskirts). Afternoon field trips involves quite a bit of walking so a comfortable walking shoe is a must!

I’m flying in, what airport do I go to? How do I get to campus?

- MSP – Minneapolis/ St. Paul International Airport
- The CATIE Center will send out a confirmation letter with specifics.
- Check in to the dorms in is between 4:00 pm-9:00 pm on Monday.

I’m driving. Where do I park and how much will it cost?

- The CATIE Center will send out a confirmation letter with specifics.
- Check in to the dorms in is between 4:00 pm-9:00 pm on Monday.

If you have additional questions, please contact Amy Kroll at amy.kroll@unco.edu or at 866.885.6087 x4.