

MARYLAND

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Comments	<p>There is one interpreter education program in the state of Maryland, at the Community College of Baltimore County, Catonsville. The program awards a certificate or an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Interpreter Preparation. The program follows the educational standards of the Conference of Interpreter Trainers.</p> <p>The Maryland Quality Assurance Screening (MQAS) Project is sponsored by the Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services (MSDE, DSE/EIS). Conferences and workshops are sponsored by the MQAS project, and are open to sign language interpreters who work with children in Pre-K, and kindergarten through grade twelve (12) throughout the State of Maryland. Workshops offered include training in theory and practice, as well as sessions to prepare interpreters to take the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA), both the written and performance based tests. Trainings are offered during the fall and spring, at no cost.</p>
Educational Interpreter Guidelines	
Standards for:	
Formal Academic	
Oral	
Cued Speech	
Sign Language Professional Knowledge Exam	The MSDE recommends the EIPA as a performance assessment. The EIPA Written Test is offered at least once a year through the MQAS Project, to be taken on a voluntary basis by interested interpreters.
Sign Language Interpreting Skill Exam	The MSDE recommends the EIPA as a performance assessment. The EIPA Performance Test is offered at least once a year through the MQAS Project, to be taken on a voluntary basis by interested interpreters.
CEU's	As required by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) certification
Developmental Alternatives (Often "Initial" or "Provisional")	

Renewals	RID certified interpreters are required to earn Continuing Education Units (CEUs) to maintain certification.
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