The Course Map for IRIS's interpreter training is below. The Course Map serves as a printable "at-a-glance" reference guide that can be used to see the overall flow of the training modules. *Please read everything in the Course Map carefully*.

Course Map for the IRIS: CORE Initiative (updated August 2025)

Project Purpose	Upon completion of the IRIS Project training modules listed below, participants will have acquired the fundamental knowledge, skills, and attributes adhering to the Entry-to-Practice Competencies required of ASL/English interpreters living and working in rural settings.
Project Hours	285 hours (26.5 RID PS & 2.0 RID PPO CEUs)

Domains

- 1. **D1** Theory and Knowledge Competencies (Academic foundation and world knowledge essential to effective interpretation)
- 2. **D2** Human Relations (Fosters effective communication and productive collaboration with colleagues, consumers, and employers)
- 3. **D3** Language Skills Competencies (Demonstrates proficiency and competence in American Sign Language and English)
- 4. **D4** Interpreting Skills (Demonstrates effective ASL-English interpretation of a range of subject matter in a variety of settings)
- 5. **D5** Professionalism (Demonstrates competencies critical to ongoing professional development)

Key used below: Module #: Name [Domain# & introduced (i), applied (a), or reviewed (r)] *Example*: Module 1: Analysis & Collaboration in Interpreting (D1 a/r, D2a/r, D3a/r, D4 a/r)

Important Dates	Module Name, Domain(s) & Description	Objectives	Activities, Assignments & Assessments	External Materials (listed in sequence)
<dates> (5 days)</dates>	Orientation (D1i, D2i/a)	Recognize the navigational tools within Canvas.	 Update your Canvas profile, notifications, and user settings due CDATE> 	• <u>CSDB (2017)</u>

Important Dates	Module Name,	Objectives	Activities, Assignments &	External Materials
	Domain(s) &		Assessments	(listed in sequence)
	Description			
Mandatory	This orientation	2. Distinguish the	2. Compose and send a	
program-wide	module is your first	difference in how	Canvas inbox message	
online	step toward success.	to submit	due <date></date>	
synchronous	This self-paced,	assignments via a	3. Discussion: Practice	
session	orientation module will	discussion board	Discussion Board due	
<date time=""></date>	provide you with an	and GoReact.	<date></date>	
	overview of how the	3. Modify settings	GoReact Discussion:	
	Canvas Learning	and user profiles	Experience with	
	Management System	in Canvas in	Online Learning due	
	(LMS) works and will	alignment with	<date></date>	
	help you understand	personal learning	Revisiting GoReact	
	what Online Learning is	styles.	Discussion: Experience	
	and what it is not.	4. Reflect on a	with Online Learning	
		Growth Mindset -	due <date></date>	
		what it means and		
		how it contributes		
		to critical thinking.		
		5. Apply at least one		
		of the four types		
		of discussion		
		questions.		
<dates></dates>	Module 1: Analysis &	 Analyze source 	 Module Pre-test due 	Embedded Documents:
(13 days)	Collaboration in	and target texts	<date></date>	Main Point,
	Interpreting (D1 a/r,	for main point,	2. GoReact Discussion:	Goal, Theme
	D2a/r, D3a/r, D4 a/r)	theme, goal,	Collaboration in	 Affect Analysis
		affect, and	Interpreting due	Registers of
		register.	<date></date>	Language

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	This module provides opportunities for participants to collaborate with others in the analysis of ASL and English texts and the creation of interpretations. In this module, participants will collaboratively work on an analysis of source texts and on the creation of target texts influenced by different cultures, lenses, and personal attributes. This will expose participants to differing perspectives and frames and expand possible options during interpreting assignments.	 Formulate target texts in collaboration with peers. Identify perspectives different from one's own framework. Describe the impact of setting on register. 	 3. GoReact Discussion: IMI Tools Refresh due <date></date> 4. GoReact Discussion: Incorporating Perspectives due <date></date> 5. Synchronous session due TBD 6. Module Post-test due <date></date> 	 CRP Schematic CRP Analysis Form Videos: An Experience with an Interpreter, (2019)

Important Dates	Module Name, Domain(s) & Description	Objectives	Activities, Assignments & Assessments	External Materials (listed in sequence)
<dates> (12 days)</dates>	Module 2: Rural Interpreting: Challenges & Opportunities (D1r, D2a, D3r, D4r, D5a) This module offers space for participants to explore, reflect, and identify challenges and opportunities of rural interpreting. They will be able to identify various resources that support their work as interpreters.	 Identify three challenges of rural interpreting. Determine three opportunities of rural interpreting. Locate and evaluate resources that support rural interpreters. 	 Module Pre-test due ATE> GoReact Discussion: Gournaris (2019) due ATE> GoReact Discussion: Trimble (2014) due ATE> Canvas Discussion: Sharing Resources due ATE> Synchronous session due TBD Module Post-test due ATE> 	 Gournaris (2019) Trimble (2014)
<dates> (14 days)</dates>	Module 3: Evolution of the Sign Language Interpreting Profession (D1a, D2a, D5a) This module gives participants different lenses on the history of the sign language interpreting profession.	 Explain major events in the sign language interpreting profession in the United States. Describe some of the negative impacts of professionalizatio n. 	 Module Pre-test due DATE> GoReact Discussion: "A history or histories?" due DATE> GoReact Discussion: Fant (1999) & Ball (2015) due 	 Ball (2015) Conway (2015) Adichie (2009) Bienvenu (1988) Levesque (1991) Interpreter Education (1992) Deaf people of color's perspective on

Important Dates	Module Name, Domain(s) & Description	Objectives	Activities, Assignments & Assessments	External Materials (listed in sequence)
	Participants will take all those historical perspectives to determine how they will promote a deafcentered interpreting future.	3. Identify ways they can shift the future of interpreting.	 4. GoReact Discussion: Other perspectives due <date></date> 5. GoReact Discussion: What's next? due <date></date> 6. Synchronous session due TBD 7. Module Post-test due <date></date> 	history of interpreting and RID (2021) Berlove (2015) Sheneman & Robinson (2020)
<dates> (14 days) All participants must complete Module 4 by <date> to remain in the program.</date></dates>	Module 4: Working with Diverse Deaf Populations (D2a/r) This module will explore identity and linguistic diversity among deaf people.	 Explore the application of diversity definitions to deaf populations. Explain how ableism among deaf people and interpreters influences biases and attitudes about deaf people's languages. 	 Module Pre-test due ATE> GoReact Discussion: What does diversity mean? due <date></date> GoReact Discussion: Diverse deaf people, part I due <date></date> GoReact Discussion: Diverse deaf people, part II due <date></date> GoReact Discussion: Diverse deaf people, part II due <date></date> GoReact Discussion: Are deaf people disabled? due <date></date> Synchronous session due TBD 	 Cooks-Campbell (2021) NDC: Deaf is a spectrum (2019) NDC: Educational Attainment (2019) NDC: Workplace (2019) Diversity among deaf communities (n.d.) Dear White Interpreters

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		3. Identify possible resources for working with a specific marginalized group within the deaf community.	 7. Canvas Discussion: Sharing Resources due <date></date> 8. Module Post-test due <date></date> 	 Working with foreign-born individuals (2018)
<dates></dates>	Module 5: Ethical	1. Summarize the	1. Module Pre-test due	Project CLIMB
(18 days)	Decision-Making	Demand-Control	<date></date>	<u>(2020</u>)
	Frameworks (D1a/r,	Schema and how	2. GoReact Discussion:	 Project CLIMB
Program-wide	D2a)	it can be applied	DC-S due <date></date>	<u>(2020)</u>
online	,	to ethical	GoReact Discussion:	 Project CLIMB
synchronous	Participants in this	decision-making.	Role-Space	<u>(2020</u>)
session	module will review the	Summarize the	Framework due	Sheneman
<date time=""></date>	commonly discussed	Role-Space	<date></date>	<u>(2016)</u>
	ethical decision-	Framework and	GoReact Discussion:	Sheneman
	making frameworks in	how it can be	Deaf-centered ethical	<u>(2019)</u>
	the sign language	applied to ethical	decisions due <date></date>	 Mendoza (2012)
	interpreting	decision-making.	GoReact Discussion:	 CATIE Center
	profession, the	Describe how	Impact of values on	<u>(2019)</u>
	Demand-Control	interpreters can	our ethical decisions	 Hasa (2019)
	Schema and Role-	shift their current	due <date></date>	
	Space Framework.	practices to	6. Synchronous session	
	Participants will also	become a deaf-	due TBD	
	explore what it means	centered ethical	7. Module Post-test due	
		practice.	<date></date>	

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	to make deaf-centered ethical decisions.			
<dates> (17 days)</dates>	Module 6: Integrated Model of Interpreting	 Relate Comprehending, 	 Module Pre-test due <date></date> 	• <u>IMI Schematic</u>
(17 days)	(D1a/r, D4a/r)	Representing, and Preparing (CRP) to	2. GoReact Discussion – CRP identification due	and <u>supplementary</u> <u>notes</u> (2013)
All participants must complete Module 6 by <date> to remain in the program.</date>	This module will cover the Integrated Model of Interpreting (IMI) as developed by Betty Colonomos. This module further introduces the IMI as the model that the IRIS Project uses to discuss the process and product of interpreting work. Elements of this model have been, and will continue to be, expanded upon in this training.	the IMI model. 2. Identify areas needing further examination and practice. 3. Describe ways this training is impacting one's work and/or framework. 4. Identify commonalities, patterns, and differences in colleagues' responses. 5. Analyze reasons for	<date> 3. GoReact Discussion - IMI Further Exploration due <date> 4. Synchronous session due TBD 5. Module Post-test due <date></date></date></date>	<u>notes</u> (2013)
		incorporating/not incorporating IMI principles.		

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<dates> (11 days) Mandatory program-wide online synchronous session <date time=""></date></dates>	Module 7: Power and Privilege in Interpreting (D1i, D2a, D5 i/a) Participants in this module will explore topics related to how systems enable power, privilege, and oppression in the sign language interpreting profession.	 Define the following concepts: system, power, privilege, and oppression. Distinguish between equality and equity. Describe how conversations about power and privilege are relevant to the sign language interpreting profession. Summarize how interpreting models are problematic for the sign language interpreting profession. 	 Module Pre-test due DATE> GoReact Discussion: What do you notice? due <date></date> GoReact Discussion: Exploring privileges due <date></date> GoReact Discussion: Interpreters - allies or oppressors? due <date></date> Synchronous session due TBD Module Post-test due <date></date> 	Embedded document: • Matrix of Oppression Online resources: • WSJ (2020) • WMUR-TV (2020) • TED-Ed (2014) • Lean In (2021) • NDC (2020) • CBC (2021) • Riolriri (2009) • Arizona State University (n.d.) • Killermann (2012) • University of Michigan (n.d.) • Killerman (2012) • Kohli (2016) • Privilege Project (n.d.) • Johnson (2016) • Killermann

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			Assessments	(2012) Progressive Pupil (2014) Ridgway (2012) McIntosh (1989) Facundo Element (2012) Artedeq (2022) NDC (2020) Beyer High (2020) Beyer High (2021) Lean In (2021) Baker-Shenk (2014) Colonomos (2013) CATIE Center (2018) Street Leverage (2021) Robinson, Sheneman &
				Henner (2020) ■ CATIE Center (2019)

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<dates> (10 days) All participants must complete Module 8 by <date> to remain in the program.</date></dates>	Module 8: What's my relationship with the deaf community? (D1a, D2a) This module challenges the participants to think critically about their current relationship with the deaf community through an exploration of various videos and resources.	 Describe how the NAD-RID Code of Professional Conduct can be interpreted in ways that could support or harm deaf people. Identify ways in which they can benefit from interacting with lifelong members of the deaf community. Describe valuable lessons interpreters have learned from deaf people in their local communities and or/found in this module's resources. 	 Module Pre-test due ATE> GoReact Discussion: NAD-RID Code of Professional Conduct analysis due <date></date> GoReact Discussion: Learning from lifelong members of the deaf community due <date></date> GoReact Discussion: Case analysis due <date></date> Synchronous session due TBD Module Post-test due <date></date> 	 Wilson (2011) Prusak (2018) G'z (2016) Shreeman (2013) RID (2005) Street Leverage (2012)

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<dates> (14 days)</dates>	Module 9: The Interpreting Brain (D1 i/a/r, D2 a/r, D4 a/r) This module explores developing and enhancing supervisory functions in the brain while interpreting in order to better manage the interpreting process. Strategies for maintaining control will be explored.	 4. Outline how interpreters can change/improve their relationship with the deaf community. 1. Identify the factors exerting control over the interpreting process. 2. Analyze possible causes of loss of supervisory control. 3. Explain how the management of control affects interpreting performance. 	 Module Pre-test due ATE> GoReact Discussion: Functions of the brain due Synchronous session due TBD Module Post-test due ATE> 	 How your brain's executive function works - and how to improve it (2019) Our Brain's Air Traffic Control (Executive Function) (2021) The benefits of a bilingual brain (2015)
<dates></dates>	Module 10: Practicing	1. Describe the	1. Module Pre-test due	 Bock (2015)
(14 days)	Ethical Decision Making (D1a, D2i/a) This module introduces how horizontal violence impacts	impact of horizontal violence. 2. Explain the importance and benefits of	<date></date> 2. GoReact Discussion: Why is it important to talk about ethical	(ASL version) • Hill (2018) • Malcolm (2014)

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	ethical decision making process as interpreters. Through reflective dialogue, this module offers space for participants to look deeper, analyze, and discuss ethical decisions together as a community of learning.	discussing ethical decisions with others. 3. Analyze ethical decisions focusing on the following areas: doing a values assessment, asking questions to understand others' decisions, and identifying outcomes/conseq uences. 4. Describe a plan of action for creating a community of support for future ethical challenges.	decisions? due	
<dates> (14 days)</dates>	Module 11: Product & Process: A Closer Look	 Interpret a text for two different deaf audiences. 	 Module Pre-test due <date></date> 	Embedded Documents: • CRP

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All participants must complete Module 11 by <date> to remain in the program.</date>	(D1i/a, D2a, D3a/r, D4 a/r) The interpreting field has been labeling the work interpreters perform as belonging to one of two types of activities: interpreting and transliterating. This module will examine the processes and operations involved.	 Analyze target text differences. Identify decisions made in creating the target text. Compare message equivalents in each target text version created. 	 2. GoReact Interpreting Activity: Part I due <date></date> 3. GoReact Interpreting Activity: Part II due <date></date> 4. GoReact Interpreting Activity: Part III due <date></date> 5. Synchronous session due TBD 6. Module Post-test due <date></date> 	 Constructing Meaning (message) Product & Process Transliteration: Ball of Confusion (2022) 1992 Colonomos Teleclass
<dates> (14 days) Program-wide online synchronous session <date time=""></date></dates>	Module 12: Working in Teams (D1 i/a, D2 a/r, D4 a/r, D5 a/r) This module will explore the roles, responsibilities, and challenges in working assignments as a member of a team. We will explore factors that go beyond the	 Identify at least five areas to consider when working in teams. Describe one's own need for support and manner of delivery. Explain why teams 	 Module Pre-test due CDATE> GoReact Discussion: Interpreting teams and the function of the job due <date></date> GoReact Discussion: Pre-teaming discussion part I due CDATE> 	 Shifting Perspectives: Focus on FUNCTION (2021) Shifting Perspectives: Focus on

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	"on/off" and 20/20 minutes as deciding factors and unpack the various ways that team members are engaged with and take accountability for the target message and the effectiveness of the assignment.	cer ass tha 4. Ide cor cha	e needed for rtain signments less an two hours. entify areas of enfidence and allenges as a ember of a am.	5.	GoReact Discussion: Pre-teaming discussion part II due <date> Synchronous session due TBD Module Post-test due <date></date></date>	•	FUNCTION cont. (2021) Consecutive Interpreting: Discuss the Interpreting Team and Function of the Job (2019)
<dates> (14 days) All participants must complete Module 13 by <date> to remain in the program.</date></dates>	Module 13: Working with Deaf Interpreters (D1i/r/a, D2i/r/a, D5i/r/a) This module focuses on Deaf interpreters: function/value/relevan ce of their work in the sign language interpreting profession, how non- deaf interpreters can advocate for their presence for optimal	into fur into situ 2. Exp Accomposit is advocated to verify the second	scribe Deaf erpreters' nction in erpreted uations. clain what the culturation Gap odel is and how s relevant to vocating for af interpreters. aluate attitudes wards Deaf erpreters and	2.	Module Pre-test due <date> GoReact Discussion: CDI or DI? due <date> GoReact Discussion: Marginalization of Deaf interpreters in the United States due <date> GoReact Discussion: The value of Deaf interpreters due <date></date></date></date></date>		Beldon, Forestal, Garcia & Peterson (2009) CATIE Center, (2019)

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	communication access, and approaches to Deaf/non-deaf teaming.	4. II t	dentify actions hey can take to vork against parriers to quality of access. Illustrate different eaming approaches when vorking in Deaf/non-deaf eams.	6.	GoReact Discussion: Deaf/non-deaf teams due <date> Synchronous session due TBD Module Post-test due <date></date></date>	
<dates> (14 days) Program-wide online synchronous session <date time=""></date></dates>	Interpreting Process: Who's the Boss? (D1 (i/a, D2 a/r, D3 a/r, D4 i/a/r) This module will develop and enhance supervisory functions in the brain while interpreting. These enhancements will assist interpreters in the identification of competing cognitive	f. c ii p 2. A c s c 3. E	dentify the actors exerting control over the nterpreting process. Analyze possible causes of loss of supervisory control. Explain how the management of control affects nterpreting performance.	2.3.4.	Module Pre-Test due <date> GoReact discussion: Loss of control due <date> GoReact discussion: Taking action due <date> Synchronous Session due TBD Module Post-Test due <date></date></date></date></date>	Embedded Document: • Depth of Processing Video: • 3 Hacks To Become A Better Interpreter (2017)

Important Dates	Module Name, Domain(s) & Description tasks in order to better manage their processes.		Objectives	Act	ivities, Assignments & Assessments		ernal Materials ed in sequence)
<dates> (13 days)</dates>	Module 15: Healing-centered Engagement (D2i/r/a) This module exposes participants to traumainformed care, which has been shifted to healing-centered engagement. The participants will identify how this knowledge can be applied to their work as interpreters.	2. I t 3. (Distinguish between trauma- informed care and healing-centered engagement. Illustrate how trauma could impact how people interact with us and how we respond to trauma in our work. Give examples of strategies for managing trauma in our work.	2.	Module Pre-Test due <date> GoReact discussion: Case Analysis due <date> GoReact discussion: Healing-centered engagement and vicarious trauma due <date> Synchronous session due TBD Module Post-Test due <date></date></date></date></date>		Lee (1996) TED Talk (2019) SMIAdvisers (2020) Moglen & Bertghold (2019) Ginwright (2018) True Colors United (2019) Riemer & Miller (n.d.) Bancroft (2017) Harvey (2003) Lai, Heydon, & Mulayim (2015)
<dates> (12 days)</dates>	Module 16: Technology and Interpreting (D2a/D5a)	ŀ	Give examples of how technology can be used in		Module Pre-Test due <date> Canvas discussion: Using technologies in</date>	•	Fantinuoli (2018) Boote (2020) Boote (2020)

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	This module explores ways technology can be used in our work as rural interpreters, albeit in face-to-face or video remote interpreting situations.	face-to-face situations. 2. Identify components of an optimal VRI set-up at home. 3. Identify alternative resources if specific technologies are not available for a VRI set-up at home. 4. Explore various best practices and challenges in VRI work.	face-to-face settings due <date> 3. GoReact discussion: Impact of the COVID- 19 pandemic due <date> 4. GoReact discussion: VRI at home due <date> 5. Synchronous session due TBD 6. Module Post-Test due <date></date></date></date></date>	 Saint Mary's University, Faculty of Science, Interpreting Services (2022) Maudlin (2022) NAD (2020) NDC (2021) HKNC (n.d.) Deaf/Hard of Hearing Technology Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center (2020) Lawyer & Myers (n.d.) (English) Lawyer, Myers & Hill (n.d.) (English).

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<dates></dates>	Module 17: Now	1. Identify the	1. Module Pre-Test due	 Lawyer, Myers & Hill (2022) (ASL) Yabe (2019) None
(10 days) Mandatory program-wide wrap-up synchronous session <date time=""> All participants must complete Module 17 by <date> to complete the program.</date></date>	What? (D1a, D2a, D3a, D4a, D5a) This module serves as a final wrap-up to the nine-month online program. The participants will synthesize the information learned throughout the program and determine how to move forward in their work as rural interpreters.	benefits of being an introspective and reflective interpreter. 2. Detail their professional development plan after this program. 3. Offer tips to other rural interpreters on how they can sustain their professional development goals.	<date> 2. GoReact discussion: In retrospect and foresight due <date> 3. GoReact discussion: Your professional development plan due <date> 4. Canvas Discussion: Share your wisdom due <date> 5. Module Post-Test due <date></date></date></date></date></date>	

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