

SERVICES FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED

Interpreter, CART, and FM Hearing Systems Services

Interpreter Services

An interpreter provides access to the spoken word by translating what is said into sign language, mouth movements, hand placements, written form, or any other language form.

Student Disability Services coordinates services through various agencies. In order to ensure quality services, requests must be submitted three weeks prior to your first class session for each term you are enrolled. Please note the longer the delay in requesting services, the greater the possibility that interpreters are unavailable.

Requesting interpreters for classes:

1. **New students, registering for services:** Please call the SDS office at 313-577-1851 to schedule an intake appointment with a SDS Disability Specialist. **You will need to provide the Student Disability Services office with the following items:**
 - **completed intake form available in the SDS office,**
 - **documentation of your disability (see SDS website: www.studentdisability@wayne.edu, SDS Student Handbook, Documentation Guidelines)**
 - **a copy of your detailed class schedule.**

At your intake appointment, you will complete the Interpreter/CART Reporter Request Form with your Disability Specialist so that services can be obtained.

2. **Continuing students:** Use Priority Registration to establish your class schedule in advance. Meet with your Disability Specialist and complete the Interpreter/CART Reporter Request Form three weeks prior to your first class session. If possible, get the course syllabus for each class before the term begins so that your service provider can be scheduled.

Scheduling Interpreters for Other Campus Functions:

For campus functions or university events unrelated to credit for class work, you should notify the department or the program that is sponsoring the event. The contact person in that

department will need to call **Deaf Community Advocacy Network (Deaf CAN) at 248-332-3331** or **Deaf Hearing Impaired Services (DHIS) at 248-473-1888** to schedule an interpreter or CART reporter directly. The following information should be given to the agency:

1. Date and time of the event
2. Type of event (lecture, forum, etc.)
3. Title of the presentation, if applicable; written material (ex. brochure, flyer) of event, if available
4. Speaker(s) name
5. Student/consumer's name
6. Student/consumer's preference for type of interpretation (ex. ASL, PSE)
7. Department contact person's name and telephone number

Computer Aided Real Time (CART) Services:

CART services are the near verbatim transcription of the spoken word into a visual text display on a computer screen. CART services are particularly useful for individuals who are late deafened, hard of hearing, or not fluent in American Sign Language (ASL).

Student Disability Services coordinates services through freelance personnel. In order to ensure quality services requests must be submitted three weeks prior to your first class session for each term you are enrolled. Please note the longer the delay in requesting services, the greater the possibility that CART reporters may not be available.

Requesting CART services for classes:

Submit requests for CART services following the same procedure for new and returning students as for interpreting services.

FM Hearing Systems:

Students with a hearing impairment may request the use of an FM Hearing System for use in classroom environment. The FM system utilizes a microphone and transmitter unit (worn by

the instructor) and a receiver and headset (worn by student). The instructor's speech is transmitted to the student's receiver unit (via FM radio signal) and the student has the ability to control volume and other settings.

SDS has a limited number of FM Hearing Systems available. If a student is a client of Michigan Rehabilitation Services it may be possible to secure a FM system through his/her counselor.

Requesting an FM Hearing System:

1. **New students, registering for services:** Please call the SDS office at 313-577-1851 to schedule an intake appointment with a SDS Disability Specialist. **You will need to provide the Student Disability Services office with the following items:**
 - **completed intake form available in the SDS office,**
 - **documentation of your disability (see SDS website: www.studentdisability@wayne.edu, SDS Student Handbook, Documentation Guidelines)**
 - **a copy of your detailed class schedule.**

At your intake appointment, you will have the opportunity to borrow a FM system. You will fill out the "Borrowed Equipment Agreement" with your Disability Specialist. Borrowed equipment is returned at the end of each term to the SDS office.

2. **Continuing students:** Use Priority Registration to establish your class schedule in advance. Meet with your Disability Specialist so that you can check out a FM system and complete and sign the "Borrowed Equipment Agreement".