



## Basic Interpreter Training Program (BITP)

June 7 – July 16, 2010

<http://centerondeafness.utk.edu/bitp.html>

### Objectives

The primary goals of this program are to increase the number of trained interpreters in the Southeast and to improve the quality of training they receive. The University also houses a four-year educational interpreter training program. The objectives of the Basic Interpreter Training Program (BITP) are:

- To train persons who possess signing skills in the principles of interpreting/transliterating primarily in educational settings
- To prepare beginning interpreters for screening/evaluation of interpreting skills
- To provide interpreters with experience in interpreting and transliterating
- To provide participants with an assessment of their skills

### Program Highlights

- As part of the BITP this year students will take training sessions in the following areas:
  - Ethics, professionalism and the RID Code of Ethics
  - American Sign Language, Deaf Culture and sign systems
  - Sign to voice and voice to sign interpreting and transliterating
  - Interpreting/transliterating in a variety of educational and related situations
- All BITP students will participate in the annual Educational Interpreters Institute (EII) held on the campus of TSD from June 15-18 at no additional cost.
- Students will participate with the Orientation to Deafness students in attending our UT Spotlight on Deafness lecture series.
- BITP Students will have the opportunity to attend the local RID chapter's monthly meetings and immersion activities scheduled in the evenings and on weekends.

### Participant's Background

- Applicant's should be comfortable in signed conversation with Deaf people and interested in becoming interpreters
- A video sample of participants signing will be required with the application

### Cost

\$1,900 (includes program costs and housing, books are additional)

\*\$200 is non-refundable once participants have been accepted to the program and payment has been made. **Payment in full is due 30 days prior to the start date of the program.**

WEEKLY AGENDA					
WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6
Overview of BITP	Educational Interpreters Institute M-TH	BITP Classes	BITP Classes	BITP Classes	BITP Classes
Pre-evaluations					
ASL Class Principles Class Techniques Class Lab Session	InterAct Performance	Mid-session Evaluations	Picnic		SLPI Assessment
KTRID Meeting/ Roundtable	BITP Classes TH/F	Spotlight on Deafness	Spotlight on Deafness	KTRID – Panel Discussion	Program Final Evaluations

## Application Procedures

### Required Application

Applications to attend BITP are available online at <http://centerondeafness.utk.edu/bitp.html> or can be requested by calling 865-974-0607 or via e-mail [deafness@utk.edu](mailto:deafness@utk.edu). Applications will be accepted and reviewed in the order received and all parts of the application (application and video sample) must be submitted before an application will be considered complete and ready for review.

### Questions

For questions related to the program, application, classes, accommodations, or pre-program assignments, call 865-974-0607.

### Accommodations

To ensure that participants have comfortable, convenient accommodations, the Center has reserved a block of rooms at the Tennessee School for the Deaf. If your plans change, please notify us. Additional information on accommodations will be provided upon acceptance to the program.

### The Application Process - \*a minimum of 9 participants are required

Pre-Program		During	Post-Program
Download Application  (865) 974-0607  Current – March, 2010	Complete & submit program application along with video sample -Deadline April 1, 2010  Payment in full by May 7, 2010	ATTEND  PROGRAM  June 7 – July 16	Stay connected through the listserv and applicable conferences



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June 7 – July 16, 2010  
APPLICATION**

**PERSONAL DATA**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATION – CURRENT PROGRAM (if applicable)**

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ # Credits Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATION HISTORY**

School	Location	Major	Dates	Degree

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY (Include Volunteer Work)**

*\*Additional pages may be added if necessary*

**Current Employer:**

**Address (inc. city, state, zip) :**

**Position:**

**Dates:**

**Duties/Responsibilities:**

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## Professional Memberships

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<b>PLEASE LIST ANY COURSES OR TRAINING YOU HAVE HAD WHICH RELATE IN ANY WAY TO SIGN LANGUAGE OR DEAFNESS</b>		
Course/Training Program	Textbooks	Instructor

<b>PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS</b> (*Use additional sheets if needed)
Have you been called on to interpret? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No *If yes, please explain below:
What would you expect to gain from an interpreter training program at UT?
What are your professional plans for the future?

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please forward all applications materials (including the video tape sample) to:  
Basic Interpreter Training Program  
The University of Tennessee  
Center on Deafness  
Bailey Education Complex A239  
1122 Volunteer Blvd.  
Knoxville, TN 37996-3442  
  
(865) 974-0607 (v/tty)  
(865) 974-3522 (fax)  
e-mail: [deafness@utk.edu](mailto:deafness@utk.edu)

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**(Basic Interpreter Training Program)**  
**Videotape Sample Instructions**

On a standard play, one half-inch VHS videotape, respond through the use of sign language to the two questions listed below. At the beginning of the tape, sign your full name before answering the questions. Responses should be no more than a total of ten (10) minutes for responses to both questions.

**Question 1:** Discuss the relative merit of mainstreamed and residential placements for the education of deaf children.

**Question 2:** Does the interpreter have a role in the deaf community? Why or why not?

Be sure to label the tape and the tape case with your full name. Tapes must be received with your application by April 1, 2010 (submissions after this date will not be accepted). Decisions on acceptance into the program will be made by April 15, 2010 and all applicants will be notified via e-mail after this date.