

Interacting With and Interpreting for People Who are DeafBlind

CEUs: 0.3 PS PPO CEUs

Description:

This workshop will help interpreters gain basic knowledge and they will leave knowing how to work with DeafBlind people, including: discussions of DeafBlind culture and communication etiquette to increase cultural competency and sensitivity to the DeafBlind community, how to decipher which communication mode is most appropriate for use for the type of vision loss, and how to work with the DeafBlind client to ensure proper communication access is provided. Presenters will discuss the various etiologies that contribute to DeafBlindness, and the most appropriate approaches to interpreting, giving both perspectives from the interpreter/SSP and the DeafBlind client. Concepts taught during this workshop include: autonomy, conduct, deliberation, and respectfulness.

Presenters:

Allyson Snow: Allyson Snow was born profoundly Deaf, and later on, around 5 years of age, was diagnosed with Retinitis Pigmentosa (Usher Syndrome Type 1). She grew up and attended a Residential School for the Deaf in New York. In 1999 Allyson graduated from Nassau Community College with an AAS degree in Associate Applied Office Tech - Word Processor. Throughout her life, Allyson has been involved in several Deaf and DeafBlind events and has supported several organizations in Seattle, Anchorage, and Minneapolis/St.Paul. Currently, Allyson serves on the NC DeafBlind Associates board as the Member at Large. Allyson brings with her experiential knowledge about DeafBlind culture based on her personal experiences. In her free time, she enjoys different hobbies, and spending time with her animals and friends.

Monica McGee: Monica McGee serves as the representative for the Triangle Committee for the NC Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf. She was born and raised in North Carolina. Monica graduated with honors from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 2008 with a Bachelor of Science in Interpreting. In 2011, she earned her National Interpreter Certification - Advanced and has held her licensure from the North Carolina Interpreters and Transliterating Licensure Board since 2008. As a Child of Deaf Adults, Monica was always involved in the Deaf communities and volunteered numerous times for various community events for both the Deaf and DeafBlind communities, and still does so today. Monica previously worked as the Interpreter for the Director with NC Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, but has since left to pursue her personal goal of being an entrepreneur. Currently, in addition to freelancing, Monica owns and operates MM Professionals, LLC - a sign language interpreting agency that strives to provide quality interpreting services catered to the needs of the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind communities. Monica is relatively new to the educational realm and has only taught a handful of workshops, however, she is passionate about getting more involved and presenting about a wide array of topics in an effort to promote best practices for interpreting for individuals who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or DeafBlind. Monica resides in Durham with her three - year old son, Declan, and two cats - Lila and Daffy.

Date: Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022

Time: 10:00am - 1:00pm

Cost: \$5 for Students
\$10 for NCRID members
\$20 for non-members

Address: Zoom Video Conference (link to be emailed after registration)

Language of Presentation: American Sign Language

For Accommodations: Please email NCRID Triangle Committee at trianglencrid@gmail.com before September 24, 2022.

Target Audience: Interpreters who work with or want to work with DeafBlind people.

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This **Professional Studies, PPO** program is offered for **0.3 CEUs** at the selected Content Knowledge Level:

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Registration: Register on the [NCRID website here](#). **Registration is Limited!**

Questions? Please email Monica McGee at monica.mcgee08@gmail.com.

