A proficiency interview is required for all ASL/English Interpreting majors. You need at least an Intermediate for the SLPI or at least a 2 on the ASLPI. Contact Dr. Jamie L. McCartney to find out when these tests need to be taken. It differs based on your catalog year.

**SLPI**

“The Sign Language Proficiency Interview (SLPI:ASL) is a one-to-one conversation in American Sign Language (ASL) between an interviewer and candidate/interviewee. Interview content varies according to the background, job responsibilities, schooling, and interests of each candidate/interviewee. Interviews are recorded and assessed to provide a rating of ASL communication skills. Further information about the SLPI can be found through the National Technical Institute for the Deaf. Scheduling for an SLPI:ASL interview with the Ohio School for the Deaf should be done through Julie Stewart, SLPI Coordinator at slpi@osdb.oh.gov. If you cannot schedule with Julie Stewart for some reason, you may also take the SLPI through NTID by emailing nationalslpiasl@gmail.com. The cost may be different for the latter assessment. These are the only two places where you may take this assessment.

The cost per SLPI:ASL interview is $150. You may send a check or money order to Ohio School for the Deaf (attn: Julie Stewart, SLPI Coordinator) at the below address. Please note, payment must be received before results are released.” (OSD, April 9, 2022)

Ohio School for the Deaf
Attn: Julie Stewart, SLPI Coordinator
500 Morse Rd
Columbus, OH 43214

**ASLPI**

“The American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLPI) is a holistic language evaluation used to determine global ASL proficiency. The basic precept in this type of evaluation is to find out through a face-to-face interview what an individual can do with the target language at a given point in time. The ASLPI is a 20-25-minute video recorded interactive dialogue between the examinee and the interviewer. The interview is rated by a team of evaluators and examinees are awarded an overall proficiency level on a 0-5 rating scale. Language proficiency evaluation was originally developed by the Foreign Service Institute (FSI) of the US Department of State and has been used by the government for decades. Adaptations to the language proficiency evaluation were made with respect to ASL and the ASLPI was born. The ASLPI is utilized by agencies, schools, universities, programs, and employers.” (Gallaudet University, 2021).

The ASLPI can be scheduled in coordination with Professor Lawrence Nehring - lnehring@kent.edu. It’s also offered remotely or in person at Gallaudet University https://www.gallaudet.edu/the-american-sign-language-proficiency-interview/aslpi/ See Professor Nehring if you need to reserve the ASL’s videophone for your test.

The cost per ASLPI interview is $165 and you may owe $20 to a proctor.