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Registration Information for Sign Language Proficiency Interview: ASL

The Sign Language Proficiency Interview (SLPI) is an assessment required for Deaf/Hard-of-Hearing (D/HH) teacher licensure under the Minnesota Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB). See Minnesota Rule 8710.5200 [Teachers of Special Education: Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing](#).

This SLPI assessment is administered to:

- Students completing a Deaf/HH Teacher training program
- Minnesota teachers seeking full Deaf/HH Teacher licensure
- Out-of-state applicants seeking Minnesota D/HH licensure
- Minnesota teachers seeking ASL Teacher licensure

Test dates for 2023 are: March 18, 2023

June 10, 2023

The SLPI assessment is administered on Saturdays via **Zoom**, in order to accommodate teachers' work schedules. Registrations must be received no later than 2 weeks prior to the test date, in order to ensure that appropriate interview arrangements are in place. Late submissions may be deferred to the next test date.

MDE now requires all applicants to pay a \$175 fee for the SLPI exam. Your payment will need to be received before your test is scheduled.

Payments can be mailed to:

Minnesota State Academies

Attn: Fiscal Services Department

615 Olof Hanson Dr.

Faribault, MN 55021

If you prefer to pay by credit card you may contact Sara Vollbrecht at 507-384-6608 or email her at sara.vollbrecht@msa.state.mn.us to set up a time to connect over the phone with your information.

Please complete the attached SLPI Registration Form. You may fill it out and return it electronically for quicker processing. After your registration form is processed and payment is completed, you will receive confirmation via email with your scheduled interview date/time and other pertinent details. The e-mail will also include an attachment with helpful interview tips and a list of functional descriptors for each SLPI rating level.

You can expect to receive the final written report within 2 weeks of your interview date. You are then responsible to submit the report to the Minnesota Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board with your licensure application.

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Sign Language Proficiency Interview: ASL Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone/VP: _____ E-mail: _____

All SLPI interviews are via **Zoom**

Please indicate the reason for which you are seeking a SLPI rating:

- Deaf/HH Teacher Licensure
- ASL Teacher Licensure
- Out-of-state applicant seeking Minnesota D/HH licensure, or
- Minnesota teachers licensed in Oral/Aural Deaf Education who want the full
- Deaf/HH licensure.

Have you received a SCPI or SLPI rating before?

If so, what was your rating and when: _____

Please indicate your preferred interview date: **March 18, 2023** **May 20, 2023**

Please answer the following questions, so we can match you with the most appropriate interviewer.

Are you: (circle one) Deaf Hard-of-hearing Hearing CODA

How did you learn and how many years have you used sign language?

How would you rate your current sign language skills? (circle one)

Minimal knowledge 1 2 3 4 5 Fluent

Thank you very much for your interest in taking the SLPI assessment!

Laura SkyQuest will be in contact with you as soon as your registration materials and payment are received.

Send this registration to:

Laura SkyQuest – SLPI Coordinator
Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf
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