This endorsement entitles the holder to teach American Sign Language in all public schools.

**Degree Requirement**
- A minimum of a bachelor’s degree is required from a regionally accredited college/university.

**Cumulative GPA Requirement**
- New Jersey requires that candidates for certification achieve a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 when a GPA of 4.00 equals an A grade for students graduating on or after September 1, 2016 (2.75 for those graduating before September 1, 2016) in a baccalaureate degree program, higher degree program or a State-approved post-baccalaureate certification program with a minimum of 13 semester-hour credits.
- Please note that there are **GPA Flexibility Rules** where a high praxis score may offset a GPA that is lower than 3.0, but higher than 2.75.

**Subject Matter Preparation**
- For certification as an American Sign Language teacher, current regulations require that applicants complete a minimum of 30 credits in a coherent sequence in the subject field of ASL. A coherent sequence requires that at least 12 credits are completed at the advanced level of study (junior, senior or graduate level). Examples of courses accepted for ASL include: "American Sign Language"; "Interpreting ASL"; "Fingerspelling"; "Advanced ASL"; "ASL Syntax and Grammar"; "Basic Hearing Science"; and "Audiology Principles". Related courses may be accepted depending on the course description/content. Please provide a course description if a course is not taken from the ASL Department. Courses in pedagogy/education are not accepted towards the subject matter preparation. The final determination as to which courses will be counted towards the ASL subject matter is based on professional and content standards found in the NJ Licensing Code. All credits must appear on a regionally accredited 2 or 4 year college/university transcript.

**Sign Language Proficiency**
- Current regulations require applicants for this endorsement to must possess linguistic competency in the designated world language as demonstrated on a Department-approved, nationally recognized test of receptive/expressive proficiency for American Sign Language.
  Teacher of ASL: Proficiency Assessment Options Include:
  1. American Sign Language teachers Association – Eligible ASLTA certificates include Provisional, Qualified, or Professional levels. Additional information is available at [http://www.aslta.org](http://www.aslta.org).
  2. Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf - Eligible RID certificates include CI, CI and CT, or CDI. Additional information is available at [http://rid.org/](http://rid.org/)
  3. Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment – (EIPA) EIPA score of 3 or higher
     Additional information is available from Silvia Coelho-Yi, Union County College Phone: (908) 791-4952 Email: yi@ucc.edu
  4. Sign Language Proficiency Interview (SLPI, formerly SCPI) – requires a minimum score of advanced or above.
     Testing information can be obtained from the New Jersey School for the Deaf, West Trenton, (609) 530-2332, Contact: Joan Cohen-Administrative Coordinator. Information is also available on the website: [http://mksd.org](http://mksd.org)

**Second Language Acquisition & Related Methodologies**
- Please note that before a CEAS or standard certificate may be issued, a minimum of three semester-hour credits in second language acquisition theory and related methodologies offered by a regionally accredited two or four year college or university must be completed. Please choose from our list of approved courses.
Professional Teacher Preparation
• Current regulations for certification require that applicants complete a coherent sequence of study in professional education which may be completed in a provisional teacher program or an approved teacher preparation program. This is to advise that courses presented by the applicant in professional education must be a coherent sequence of courses that culminates in supervised clinical practice.

Teacher Performance Assessment
• Candidates seeking initial certification must pass a Commissioner-approved performance-based assessment of teaching if they graduated on or after September 1, 2017. The Verification of Program Completion form needs to be completed in its entirety by your college/university.

State Teaching Certificate
• Please submit a copy of an out-of-state teaching certificate that is equivalent to a NJ Standard Instructional Certificate. Holders of a NJ Standard Instructional Certificate do not need to send in a copy of their certificate.

Record of Professional Experience
• Please submit the Record of Professional Experience form which must be filled out by your employer:

The New Jersey Department of Education will make the final determination as to whether or not the experience meets NJ reciprocity regulations.

Please Note: Holders of a NJ standard instructional certificate do not need to send in the above form with the exception of those who hold a standard Teacher of the Handicapped certificate.

Physiology and Hygiene Requirement
• This requirement may be completed by presenting evidence of basic military training, OR by completing a course such as biology, health or nutrition that appears on a regionally accredited 2 or 4 year college or university transcript, OR by completing a 35 question True/False test administered in the county office of education. Please contact a county office of education after you apply online.

Fee Requirement
• No checks or money orders will be accepted
• Please make the payment online
• Please notify your examiner after payment has been made.
• If your application expires after six months, you will be charged a fee of $70.
• All fees, including money left on file, are nonrefundable

Online Certificate Information
• All information regarding applications and certifications is now available online, including certificate name, certificate ID number, date of issuance, and expiration date, if applicable. Instructions to view this information can be found here.

You cannot complete the entire application process online. After applying online, please submit ALL necessary documentation together IN A SINGLE PACKET to the NJ DOE in order to complete your application. Please put your tracking number on all documents that you send to our office.

IF YOU HAVE MET THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS, THEN CLICK HERE TO APPLY ONLINE.