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ADOPTED – BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
OCTOBER 9, 2025

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION
APPLICATION FOR NEW PROGRAMS
ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE IN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION
OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
HARRY S TRUMAN COLLEGE

WHEREAS, new educational programs require approval of the Board of Trustees of Community College District 508, the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) and the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE); and

WHEREAS, an application for approval of the City Colleges of Chicago Associate in Applied Science in Sign Language Interpretation has been received and is under review by the Joint Curriculum Development Council for submission; and

WHEREAS, the Associate in Applied Science in Sign Language Interpretation at Harry S Truman College will prepare students to become professional American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters, serving the deaf and hard-of-hearing communities in educational settings. The program is being developed in close partnership with the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities and members of the local deaf community to ensure cultural and linguistic integrity and community relevance; and

WHEREAS, labor market data from the Lightcast Q3 2025 report shows strong and growing demand for Sign Language Interpreters in Cook County, with 255 job postings between July 2024 and July 2025 with a median advertised salary for these roles of \$78,100. ASL and Sign Language Interpretation are among the fastest-growing specialized skills in the region with a projected growth rates of 28% and 14%, respectively (Lightcast, August 2025).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 508, County of Cook and State of Illinois, hereby approves the submission of this program for permanent approval by the Illinois Community College Board and Illinois Board of Higher Education, pending completion of Proposed Academic Curriculum Changes (PACC) process per Academic Policy 9.02.

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