



Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc.



COMMISSION ON COLLEGIATE INTERPRETER EDUCATION

Memorandum of Understanding
between the
Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf
and the
Commission on Collegiate Interpreter Education

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been drafted in order to issue a statement that codifies a strong collaboration between the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) and the Commission on Collegiate Interpreter Education (CCIE) to enhance both organizations' commitment to work in close partnership for the future benefit of the sign language interpreting profession, the Deaf community and interpreter education institutions.

The mission of CCIE is to promote professionalism in the field of interpreter education through the accreditation of professional preparation programs; the development and revision of interpreter education standards; the encouragement of excellence in program development; fostering a national and international dialogue on the preservation and advancement of standards in the field of interpreter and higher education, and, the application of knowledge, skills and ethics of the profession.

The mission of RID is to provide international, national, regional, state and local forums and an organizational structure for the continued growth and development of the profession of interpretation and transliteration of ASL and English.

The philosophy of RID is that excellence in the delivery of interpretation and transliteration services between people who are deaf or hard of hearing and people who are hearing, will ensure effective communication. As the national professional association for interpreters and transliterators, RID serves as an essential arena for its members in their pursuit of excellence.

RID and CCIE affirm the importance of a joint, working relationship and an established transparent communication protocol, to stay informed and abreast of issues affecting the lives of deaf people and the sign language interpreting profession.

This agreement recognizes the primacy of organizations of deaf people to chart the political, cultural and educational development of sign language. Additionally, it acknowledges RID's authority and lead in setting the standards for the sign language interpreting profession.

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CCIE and RID commit to the following:

- Work in close cooperation in actively exchanging information that might be of common interest and/or might have an effect on both organizations and members.
- Publicly recognize the importance of and encourage the involvement in each other's organization and promotion of standards.
- Recognize that standards for sign language interpreters and standards for interpreter education institutions are critical to the advancement of the Deaf community.
- Recognize the continued collaboration between RID and CCIE is a crucial and integral element to the future success of both organizations and the standards both promote.

This MOU is effective upon the day and date last signed and executed by the duly authorized representatives of the parties of the MOU.

Effective July 18, 2011

Signed copy on file with RID

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