

**Deaf-Blind Interpreting Course
& the Seabeck Service-Learning Trip**

Learning Outcomes



During the class, students:

- **Understand** the diverse communication styles and modes Deaf-Blind people.
- **Use:** visual, tactile, tracking, signing in a restricted field of vision, &/or projection, etc.
- **Work** as a Support Service Provider and/or interpreter for Deaf-Blind people.
- **Appreciate and respect** the unique challenges and lives of multi-dimensional Deaf-Blind people



Students practice in advance of Seabeck by going to a mall and describing the visual environment.



“I learned so much about myself through this class and this group, and I am stronger than I ever imagined. I’m so grateful I had this opportunity.”



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“The courses we have taken about working with Deaf-Blind people were less about how to work with Deaf-Blind people, and more about *how* to be AWARE. We were really well trained on how to be conscious of our roles as SSPs and how to be aware of the power of information.”



“It was a multidimensional challenge: physically, mentally, and emotionally draining. It was amazing having a friend from our group matched with me because I knew we could keep each other on task, and that we would be supported, encouraged, and at the end of the shift, we could debrief and decompress.”



“The trip really helped me become more confident in my own abilities as an interpreter.”



“Seabeck was one of the best weeks I could have ever experienced and I am dying to go back.”



“Seabeck truly is something beyond what I could have ever imagined...When I got home Saturday, I was bouncing off the walls with excitement, I was ready to tell the world about my experience...even in sharing our stories and our joy we are forcing people to think a little bit differently...”



“Taking what I have learned through this experience in working in a team will only serve to make me a better and more compassionate team to my colleagues in the future.”



“It made me so proud to be a part of their lives, if even for a short time. Being able to assist them with their activities throughout the week, no matter how exhausting, made me feel as though I was contributing to their memories. Everyone says that Seabeck is a magical place, and that is life-changing and has cheesy as it sounds it is true. I hope that my first trip was not my last.”



“I realized I love this Deaf-Blind world. I love the interpreters and SSPs. I love the touch and comfortable feeling I have in this community. I have found my calling and am looking forward to finishing school and moving into a community where I can work with Deaf-Blind. I had no idea how much this world would open my eyes to such a beautiful community.”



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There's a lot of physical contact in a Deaf-Blind world so there's a need for a lot of massage!



“There is simply no way to explain the feeling you get after the week at Seabeck.”



There is a super fun dance every year at Seabeck, where folks get to dress up in costumes, with fun masks, clothing textures and just be whomever they are and dance however they like. It's the most fun. Ever.



