
VYRON M. KINSON, M.A.

ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS

Gallaudet University, Masters of Art in Sign Language Education (MASLED) 2020

Gallaudet University, Bachelor of Art in Social Work (BSW) 2009

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

Certified Deaf Interpreter (CDI) 2022

Provisional Deaf Interpreter Credential (PDIC) 2019

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

MEDICAL ASL INTERPRETER

MARCH 2024 - PRESENT

WELLSTAR KENNESTONE HOSPITAL

MARIETTA, GA

- ❖ Maintain schedule of current hospital caseload and advanced scheduling in medical practices.
- ❖ Record patient encounters both manually on a written log and electronically in EPIC.
- ❖ Work in collaboration with other interpreters to make sure that the inpatient clients are attended to.
- ❖ Travel to other hospitals or healthcare facilities to interpret for patients.
- ❖ Provide interpreter services to deaf and hard-of-hearing clients using American Sign Language.
- ❖ Advocating for clients and patients using the best practices of professional service focused on client satisfaction.

LEAD ASL TEACHER

AUGUST 2022 - MARCH 2024

THE HOWARD SCHOOL

ATLANTA, GA

- ❖ Teaches ASL classes and develops exams, lesson plans, activities, and learning/behavioral reports
- ❖ Provides feedback and students' insights on Learning Profiles
- ❖ Records and reports data, goals, and outcomes.

PRESIDENT

JANUARY 2022 - DECEMBER 2023

GEORGIA REGISTRY INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF

ATLANTA, GA

- ❖ Determined annual budget and partnered with coordinator(s) to monitor and anticipate coverage needs

- ❖ Participated in improvement projects and professional development

- ❖ Recorded and reported data, goals, and outcomes.

ADJUNCT

JANUARY 2021 - PRESENT

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY - ASL/SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER PROGRAM

ATLANTA, GA

- ❖ Teaches ASL 1-3 classes with the Signing Naturally and Interpreting classes with PowerPoint and digital presentation

- ❖ Provides interpreting and linguistic perspectives and cultural considerations and consults feedback and language models.

- ❖ Develops PowerPoints, Digital Presentation, and Signing Videos

ADJUNCT

JANUARY - MAY 2021

GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY - BA IN ASL PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, DC

- ❖ Taught Discourse Features in ASL.

- ❖ Consulted linguistic perspectives, cultural considerations, and resources.

- ❖ Corresponded to the guest speakers.

FOSTER PARENT

JUNE 2021 - DECEMBER 2021

NECCO FOSTER SERVICES/ DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES

MORROW, GA

- ❖ Taught a child about Independent Living Skills

- ❖ Guided a child to be responsible and how to communicate his/her needs and wants

- ❖ Provided and consulted communicative skills, including expressions and receptions

PEER COACH

MAY 2020 - AUGUST 2020

GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY - PEER COACHING PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, DC

- ❖ Guided Graduate students to prepare their internship, schedules, and program

- ❖ Advised and consulted Graduate students with their academic plans

- ❖ Mentored Graduate students about their experiences

TEACHER

DECEMBER 2020 - MAY 2021

GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY

WASHINGTON, DC

- ❖ Taught ASL faculty and administrative assistants with ASL At Work.

- ❖ Provided ASL activities.
- ❖ Consulted live feedback and modeled ASL.

OWNER/CEO DECEMBER 2019 - PRESENT
 ASL DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES LLC
 RIVERDALE, GA

- ❖ Manages and leads ASL interpreting, teaching, assessing, mentoring, and consulting services.
- ❖ Determines annual budgets, hires contracted interpreters, and ensures the interpreters' adherence to applicable codes of professional conduct.
- ❖ Mentors and interprets clients and consumers for other interpreting agencies and universities

SOUTHERN REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE OCTOBER 2018 - DECEMBER 2021
 NATIONAL BLACK DEAF ADVOCATES
 AUSTIN, TX

- ❖ Presided the meetings with eight state chapters at a conference and online.
- ❖ Oversaw the financial reports, guidelines, and any changes within the national chapters.
- ❖ Served as an advocate and educator for Deaf rights and accessibility across the regional areas in the south.
- ❖ Connected the members and non-members to the active chapters and recourses.

PRESIDENT JANUARY 2018 - SEPTEMBER 2018
 ATLANTA BLACK DEAF ADVOCATES
 DECATUR, GA

- ❖ Created the events and consulted sponsorships to get the Deaf community involved.
- ❖ Maintained critical information and sharing with the members.
- ❖ Determined annual budget and partnered with other leaders to monitor and anticipate coverage needs.
- ❖ Collaborated with the Deaf communities, Deaf leaders, signing leaders, and allies.

ASL TEACHER SEPTEMBER 2017 - MARCH 2020
 ATLANTA AREA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
 CLARKSTON, GA

- ❖ Customized learning experiences for each individual with unique learning characteristics.
- ❖ Developed American Sign Language presentations and recorded and reported their objectives, attendance, and learning progress.

- ❖ Serve as ASL Teacher for ASL Classes for ASD students' parents and communities in Atlanta.

DEAF MENTOR

JUNE 2016 - MAY 2019

GEORGIA PARENTS PARENT INFANT NETWORK FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICE
CLARKSTON, GA

- ❖ Taught and championed families how to communicate using ASL.
- ❖ Educated and consulted families about Deaf Culture and its language.
- ❖ Assessed and identified children's language development.
- ❖ Recorded and reported data, goals, and outcomes.

VICE PRESIDENT

OCTOBER 2015 - DECEMBER 2017

ATLANTA BLACK DEAF ADVOCATES
DECATUR, GA

- ❖ Trained the assigned members to understand their roles and responsibilities.
- ❖ Educated the members about the bylaws and organizational operations.
- ❖ Coordinated the events, budgets, sponsorship arrangements, and committees.

COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST

SEPTEMBER 2015 - JULY 2022

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
OFFICE OF DEAF SERVICES
ATLANTA, GA

- ❖ Recorded and reported data, goals, and outcomes of communication assessment.
- ❖ Contributed to the organization's success by assisting individuals and service providers.
- ❖ Maintained a consistent, high-quality, customer-focused orientation.
- ❖ Championed the effective and appropriate use of services across all lines of business and specialized services

COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST

AUGUST 2013 - AUGUST 2015

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH - OFFICE OF DEAF SERVICES
MONTGOMERY, AL

- ❖ Recorded and reported data, goals, and outcomes of communication assessment.
- ❖ Provided the specialized services of a communication assessment and linguistic facilitation.
- ❖ Consulted stakeholders on the integration of mental health services and advisory services on sign language and alternative communication issues.
- ❖ Championed some interpreting in conjunction with mental health interpreters.

GLENSIDE, PA

- ❖ Advocated for and assisted with gaining access to public and private services.
- ❖ Taught clients' family members how to communicate with sign language.
- ❖ Assisted Deaf/ASL resources for clients to enhance their communication.

PRESENTATIONS

SELECTED:

Kinson, V., (2019, August) Ethnic & Culturally Diversity in Deaf Community. National Black Deaf Advocates, NBDA Conference, Oakland, California.

Kinson, V. & Carters, J., (2016, February) What is different between President's and Vice President's roles and responsibilities. Atlanta Black Deaf Advocates, ABDA Symposium, Decatur, GA.

Kinson, V (2021, March) Black American Sign Language, What's That? ASL Diagnostic Services, LLC. SC-ASLTA Workshop Zoom Meeting, Atlanta, GA

PROFESSIONAL TRANSLATIONS

Kinson, V., (2019, June) *Behavioral Health Interpreting: Trauma-Informed Approach* webshop. St. Paul, MN: CATIE Center at St. Catherine University.

Kinson, V., (2019, June) *Specialized Interpreting: Mental Health*. St. Paul, MN: CATIE Center at St. Catherine University.

Kinson, V., (2019, May) *Specialized Interpreting: Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault*. St. Paul, MN: CATIE Center at St. Catherine University.

Kinson, V., (2019, April) *Introduction to Deaf/Hearing Team in Behavioral Health Interpreting* webshop. St. Paul, MN: CATIE Center at St. Catherine University.

Kinson, V., (2019, February) *Specialized Interpreting: Addiction and Recovery*. St. Paul, MN: CATIE Center at St. Catherine University.

Kinson, V., (2019, January) *Introduction to Mental Health Interpreting*. St. Paul, MN: CATIE Center at St. Catherine University.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- ❖ Gallaudet University Dr. Nathie L. Marbury Award 2021
- ❖ GA Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities Courage Award 2016
- ❖ Atlanta Black Deaf Advocates Outstanding Vice President 2015-2017
- ❖ Alabama Office of Deaf Service In Appreciation 2015

- ❖ Southeast Regional Institute on Deafness Outstanding D/HH Individual Award 2015
- ❖ Council of Organizations Serving Deaf Alabamians Leadership Award 2015
- ❖ Alabama Black Deaf Advocates Outstanding Vice President 2013-2015
- ❖ National Association of the Deaf Golden Hand Award 2013
- ❖ South Carolina Black Deaf Advocates Outstanding Leader 2013