**Qualifications**

- Intermediate-Advanced sign language skills.

- Basic competence in interpreting skills.

- Therapeutic Crises Intervention Certification.

- Experience with students who are deaf, hard of hearing and/or non-verbal in a special education setting.

A Signing Skills Coach will support students in your school who need behavior modification and additional language support through the use of Sign Language.

For more information on Signing Skill Coaches Contact:

[www.monroe.edu/deafed](http://www.monroe.edu/deafed)

**Signing Skills Coach**

**Support in the School Setting**

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A student in your classroom has an IEP indicating Signing Skills Coach services. Some students receiving SSC support have a hearing-loss while others are hearing use sign language for expressive communication.

The purpose of this brochure is to address some questions you may have. In addition to referencing this brochure, it is recommended that you meet with the Signing Skills Coach (SSC) regularly for more in-depth discussion.

**What does a Signing Skills Coach (SSC) do?**

- Provides 1:1 support for students to successfully develop skills to participate in the classroom as identified on the IEP.
- Uses sign language to assist with the student’s communication, academic, physical, and social/emotional needs.
- Supports the established academic and behavior modification plan for the student.
- Employs motivational strategies to help the student successfully participate with their peers.
- Provides information as appropriate pertaining to the impact of hearing loss in the classroom.
- Assists with data collection for progress monitoring under the supervision of the teacher/school team.

**This can be done through:**

- Signing what the teacher and others say.
- Reinforcing sign language for the student.
- Serving as an appropriate language model.
- Voicing for the student.
- Providing support of behavioral expectations.

**Member of the Team**

A Signing Skills Coach is a member of the student’s educational team. In addition to the classroom teacher the team may include service providers such as:

* Audiologist
* Behavior Specialist
* OT/PT
* Speech Teacher
* Teacher of the Deaf & Hard-of-Hearing

**To support the school team the SSC:**

- Provides valuable data about the student’s development of sign language communication.
- Provides information and addresses concerns related to the student’s communication needs.
- Needs to be aware of the student’s annual educational goals and the teacher’s daily objectives.
- Needs to have access to information about upcoming school-wide staff meetings and activities.