

Stephen F. Austin State University

Annual Report for Recognized Centers, Institutes and Specialized Testing

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Mission Statement:

GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND RELATED ACHIEVEMENTS FOR REPORTING YEAR (2013-2014)

Software development - study software was redesigned and launched as Shockwave files. They worked during the summer and fall sessions, but had many problems with firewall issues in the library labs during the Spring semester.

Peer evaluation tools- Peer evaluation tools were developed as a replacement to tools lost during the transition from Blackboard to D2L. These tools will now be a part of the new Core Curriculum assessments.

Distribute Software for courses - distributed Approximately 500 copies of the StudyTool flash drive software during the 2013-2014 academic year.

Provided recording facilities to ASL students for performance-based assessments - served approximately 500 students from four ASL courses during the 2013-2014 academic year.

Developed a searchable database of bilingual children's literacy materials to equip Deaf Education teachers with better materials for their students.

Provide instructional media and course materials - Instructional materials used included a desk copy of the course video disk. ASL III and ASL IV will make much more use of the media library during the fall 2012 semester.

This year also marks the year in which a system was tested to record students' expressive assignments using GoREACT - a system which enables more effective feedback and recording in the LINC lab or Infolab during regular class meetings. This will help decrease demands on the ASL lab resources.

Acquisitions:

Updated computers for storing and editing media for the assessments and study materials.

Purchased 20 webcams for recording expressive assignments in University computer labs during regular class meetings.

Purchased a full library of bilingual literacy materials for Deaf Education majors, featuring American Sign Language renditions of popular children's literacy titles.

Current related research:

Validation of American Sign Language Proficiency Interview assessment.

Validation and reliability of American Sign Language study software

GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES FOR UPCOMING YEAR (2013-2014)

1. Train faculty in the use of GoREACT.
2. Choose assignments to move from the ASL lab to GoREACT.
3. Enable public loan of Bilingual Literacy library.
4. Move frequently used DVD titles to the DVD carousels.
5. Move databases for StudyTools and peer evaluations to a more reliable server.

CONCERNS OR OBSTACLES

The biggest obstacle to online assessment of American Sign Language is persistent issues in the Linc lab and Infolabs which result in some computers not storing quiz results or not allowing students to take quizzes. We need to resolve the issues or develop alternative assessment tools.

SPECIAL NEEDS OR REQUESTS

We need a reliable server location for our mySQL databases. The current system uses an old, recycled computer. There is no backup server.

CHANGES IN CENTER/INSTITUTE ORGANIZATION AND/OR STAFFING

We have two new adjunct faculty member using the facilities:
Mandy Seybold
Nancy Burleson

Demographics (Fall and Spring Semester)

Prefix	Course #	Count of Students
SPH	172	277
SPH	272	106
SPH	274	26
SPH	414	23
SPH	470	15
SPH	471	8
SPH	477	59
SPH	478	10
SPH	479	44
Total		568

Top majors served (Fall and Spring Semester)

Rank	Major	#
1	Deaf & Hard of Hearing	154
2	Nursing	70
3	Psychology	56
4	Interdisciplinary Studies	48
5	Communication Disorders	27
6	Rehabilitation Services	21
7	English	17
8	History	17
9	Theatre	17
10	Political Science	15

of majors served:

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