



Department of Health and Human Services
Aging and Disability Services Division
Communication Access Services Program



Nevada Interpreter / CART Registry

Professional Development Requirements

Professional development is a crucial part of the life-long growth of interpreters. Participation in professional development hours allows interpreters to maintain and possibly improve their skills and keep current with the ever-changing interpreting field.

The Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 656A requires that non-certified interpreters must earn at least **75 contact hours** of professional development **every three (3) years** to be eligible for registration renewal.

Acceptable Activities

After **April 1, 2020**, hours will only be accepted as professional development if the event has been **approved by a recognized interpreter certifying body** (Ex. Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID), American Translators Association (ATA), Certification Commission for Healthcare Interpreters (CCHI), International Medical Interpreters Association (IMIA)), or is **college coursework** taken for credit in one of the following categories:

- Study of language
- Study of linguistics
- Study of culture
- Study of ethics
- Interpreting theory
- Interpreting skills
- Topic specific studies related to the interpreting work (e.g., taking an anatomy class which will enhance interpreting in medical settings)

Professional Development Hour Conversion Chart

Professional development activity	Professional development hour conversion
An event with approved Continuing Education Units by a recognized certifying body	60 minutes equals 1 professional development hour
Accredited college coursework – semester system	1 semester credit with a grade of C or better equals 15 professional development hours (e.g., a 3-credit course = 45 PD hours)
Accredited college coursework – quarter system	1 quarter credit with a grade of C or better equals 10 professional development hours (e.g., a 3-credit course = 30 PD hours)

Documentation of Professional Development Hours

All documentation must be provided at the time of registration renewal.

Interpreters who are **members of a recognized certifying body** can provide a transcript from the certifying body verifying the completion of professional development hours.

Interpreters who are **not members of a recognized certifying body** must provide certificates of attendance/participation and may need to provide proof of sponsorship for validation of hours (This is usually noted on the event flier).

College coursework taken for credit in one of the activity types listed above may be used for professional development hours. To receive credit for college coursework, the following must be submitted:

- An official or unofficial transcript that includes:
 - Interpreter's name
 - Name of the higher education institution
 - Grade received (Must be C or higher)
 - Total number of credits earned
- Course description from a syllabus or the institution's official course catalog

Website

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