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Nevada Interpreter / CART Registry

Professional Development Requirements

Professional Development is a crucial part of the life-long growth and development 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 **75 contact hours** of Professional Development **every three (3) years** to be eligible for registration renewal.

The following criteria are required of all Professional Development hours to be deemed acceptable by the State for registration renewal.

Activity Type: All Professional Development hours must be one of the following categories:

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

Documentation of Professional Development Hours: All documentation must be provided at time of registration renewal. Documentation can include certificates of attendance/participation or transcripts.

These documents must include the following information*:

- Participant's name
- Date of activity/class
- Total number of hours/units of activity/class
- Name of the activity/class
- Name and credentials of the presenter(s)/instructor(s)
- Activity type (see above)

*Any Professional Development documentation that does not include all the above information on the certificate/transcript, will need to have an accompanying [Professional Development Log](#) with the information provided on the log.

Professional Development Hour Conversion Chart

Professional Development activity	Professional Development hour conversion
Professional Workshop/Webinar	60 minutes equals 1 Professional Development hour
An event with approved Continuing Education Units by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf	0.1 CEU equals 1 Professional Development hour
Accredited College Course Work - Semester	1 semester credit with a grade of C or better equals 15 Professional Development hours (Ex. A 3-credit course = 45 PD hours)
Accredited College Course Work - Quarter	1 quarter credit with a grade of C or better equals 10 Professional Development hours (Ex. A 3-credit course = 30 PD hours)