

New Mexico Court Interpreter Certification



2014

There are two paths to certification for interpreters who reside in or plan to practice in New Mexico.

Traditional Path

Individuals who are interested in pursuing certification must first register for the online class, Introduction to Court Interpreting, offered through the New Mexico Center for Language Access. This is a two-week self-paced class and the cost is \$150.00.

Upon completion of this class they may take further preparatory classes through NMCLA or other programs, which is strongly encouraged, or work on their own to prepare for the required examinations.

Justice System Interpreter Path

This option requires completion of a 20 week online class, which includes extensive practice and observation with instructor feedback., and an additional six week internship.

At the conclusion of the training program, students will complete the required certification exams. If they do not pass these exams at the level required for certification they may qualify as Justice System Interpreters, a level of qualification recognized by the New Mexico State Courts.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

A score of 80% or above is required to register for the Simultaneous Exam.

ORAL EXAMINATIONS

Simultaneous Examination A score of 70% or above is required to register for the Consecutive and Sight Translation Exams.

Consecutive and Sight Translation Examinations A score of 70% or above on each of these exams is required for certification.

ALL Examinations are conducted at the New Mexico State Bar Association building, 5121 Masthead NE in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Introduction to Court Interpreting Online Class

Start Dates	Registration Due
January 27	January 21
April 7	April 1
July 14	July 7
October 20	October 14

Justice System Interpreter Program

Dates	Registration Due
January 13	January 6
May 12	May 5
September 8	September 2

EXAMS

Written Exam

Dates	Registration Due
March 1	February 21
May 24	May 16
August 23	August 15
November 22	November 14

Simultaneous Exam

Dates	Registration Due
January 25	January 15
April 26	April 16
June 21	June 11
October 11	October 1

Consecutive & Sight Exam

Start Dates	Registration Due
March 29	March 19
June 28	June 18
August 23	August 13
December 6	November 26

For additional information and to register for the above classes or exams go to:

www.nmcenterforlangaugeaccess.org