



Orientation Program for Court Interpreters

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Court interpreters play a vital role in court proceedings to ensure that court customers who do not speak English or are deaf or hard of hearing receive equal access to justice. Court interpretation is a highly specialized form of interpreting that cannot be effectively performed without adequate specialized training and skills. The court interpreter's job is to produce a true and legally appropriate interpretation of the meaning from source to target language.

The orientation program is an introduction to court interpreting, including:

- An overview of the Minnesota Judicial System, court processes, and legal terms
- Detailed information on the role of interpreters in the court system
- Ethics and professional responsibilities of court interpreters
- Intensive, guided, interpreter skill-building sessions
- The Ethics and Legal Terminology (Written Test part 2)

The orientation program is one of the several requirements to be added to the roster of the Minnesota Court Interpreters. To join the roster, all participants must attend all training sessions, pass the Ethics and Legal Terminology Written Test Part 2, and submit all required paperwork. Please review the [policy](#) before registering for this training.

When:

Thursday, April 25, 2024	12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	ZOOM
Friday, April 26, 2024	12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	ZOOM
Saturday, April 27, 2024	(spoken languages only) 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	TBD
Monday, April 29, 2024	4:00 p.m. (Written Test Part 2)	IN-PERSON

Where:

Virtual Training by Zoom and In Person at Minnesota Judicial Center

Virtual Training: Every participant needs to have a device capable of audio, video, and an internet connection. Acceptable devices include cell phones with camera ("Smartphone"), computers with a camera, and tablets/iPads with a camera. Participants must participate in all sessions of the orientation to receive a "completion" status.

In Person: The skill building sessions for spoken language interpreters may be held Saturday in-person at the Minnesota Judicial Center. Orientation Training also includes taking the Written Test Part 2: Ethics and Court Terminology from the National Center for State Courts (NCSC). NCSC requires written tests to be administered in-person and is offered at the Minnesota Judicial Center.

Fee:

Payable by check or money order only – due before close of business on April 12, 2024
\$40 for non-spoken language interpreters to attend Thursday & Friday only
\$75 for spoken languages *before* close of business on April 12, 2024
\$100 *after* April 12, 2024 (Payment must be received by April 19)

Prerequisite: Participants must have received a passing score on Written Test Part 1 (English proficiency) provided by the National Center for State Courts (NCSC).

If you need ADA accommodations to participate, please email MNCourtInterpreterProgram@courts.state.mn.us.



Orientation Program for Court Interpreters Registration Form

The registration form with payment and a copy of your photo ID must be received by April 12, 2024:

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Please make check or money order payable to: **MN Court Interpreter Program**

Send payment and Orientation Program Registration form to:

Court Interpreter Program, Room 105

Minnesota Judicial Center

25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

St. Paul, MN 55155

Once applications are accepted, participants will receive email confirmation. The registration fee is non-refundable and non-transferable; it cannot be used for future Court Interpreter programs. However, the registration payment will be returned to any applicant who is not accepted due to the orientation being full or cancellation of the program.

Please fill in following information:

Name (as shown on legal documentation):

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Preferred Name

Street Address

City

County

State

Zip Code

Email Address

Mobile Phone

Home Phone

Language(s) you interpret other than English

Questions? Contact the Court Interpreter Program at

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