

Continuing Education Requirements

Nebraska Supreme Court Administrative Office of the Courts Continuing Education Requirements for Certified, Provisionally Certified and Registered Court Interpreters Who Serve in the Nebraska State Courts

PURPOSE Continuing education is required by the Nebraska Supreme Court Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to ensure that certified, provisionally certified and registered interpreters who serve in the Nebraska state courts maintain and improve their interpreting skills, and expand their vocabulary. Additionally, continuing education is required to ensure that certified interpreters are in compliance with Local Rules in Chapter 6 (Trial Courts), Article 7 (Interpreters in Court) and the Nebraska Code of Professional Responsibility for Court Interpreters.

APPLICATION As of July 1, 2012 these requirements apply to all interpreters who are certified, provisionally certified and registered court interpreters in the state of Nebraska, who wish to interpret in the Nebraska State Courts. Meeting these requirements is a condition for continued certification, provisional certification, or registered status of court interpreters.

CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT refers to educational activities in which the interpreter engages after successfully passing the certification examination, being provisionally certified or having registered status.

Every certified, provisionally certified or registered interpreter shall complete and report ten (10) credit hours of approved continuing education offered or accredited by the AOC during each two-year compliance period. The two-year reporting period begins on January 1 following receipt of certification, provisional certification or registered status. At least four (4) continuing education hours must be earned at an AOC approved ethics workshop.

APPROVED/ACCREDITED CONTINUING EDUCATION shall be earned in participatory activities, by which is meant a course, conference, workshop, lecture, or other activity at which attendance is monitored and verified. Participatory continuing education activities may include courses offered at accredited institutions of higher learning or conferences or workshops sponsored by accredited professional organizations.

Continuing Education credits may be obtained through programs, conferences and workshops endorsed and credited for continuing education by the Nebraska or other State or Federal Administrative Offices of the Courts, the Nebraska Association for Translators & Interpreters (NATI), the National Association of Judiciary Interpreters and Translators (NAJIT) and the American Translators Association, the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) along with educational programs offered by colleges and/or universities, or training programs offered by other Consortium member states.

Continuing education credit granted shall be for the actual number granted by accredited programs, conferences, workshops or training programs. Credit for participation in accredited educational programs, auditing a course is permitted when taken for credit, shall follow the following formula: one academic quarter unit is equal to 10 continuing education credits; one academic semester unit is equal to 15 continuing education credits.

Interpreters for the deaf and hard of hearing must complete the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) required 8.0 continuing education credits (80 hours) in a cycle (4-years). These eight continuing education credits are divided into two Content Areas: Professional Studies and General Studies. Participants must work with a RID Approved Sponsor to earn continuing education credits.

Continuing education credit will be awarded only after completion of the entire activity. Partial attendance does not qualify for continuing education credit. Reasonable absences are allowed for academic courses. The academic institution's attendance requirements for credit must be met to be eligible for continuing education credit. If an educational activity spans two compliance periods, credit will be earned in the period in which the activity is completed. No continuing education hours may be carried over from one compliance period to the next.

To receive continuing education credit for a particular educational activity, other than those listed above, the interpreter may request credit by submitting information regarding the activity (e.g., description of curriculum, agenda of conference, etc.) to the Administrative Office of the Courts, and must receive approval prior to attendance at the activity. This information shall be submitted at least 60 days in advance of the program to assure approval. Retroactive approval may be sought for good cause.

Any interpreter who wishes to receive continuing education credit must be able to show proof of having taken the course or attended the conference or workshop (e.g., an official transcript from the university or college, or a receipt and/or certificate of completion from the conference or workshop).

COMPLIANCE, each certified, provisionally certified or registered interpreter is required to submit a completed Continuing Education Compliance Form to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), every two years. The 24-month time period begins on January 1st following the date an interpreter becomes certified and is awarded the Nebraska State Certified Court Interpreter Certificate. The Administrative Office of the Courts will make available, by the interpreter's request or online, the approved compliance form to be submitted.

NON-COMPLIANCE with the continuing education requirement shall result in the interpreter's name being removed from the Nebraska State Courts' Register of interpreters. Interpreters whose names have been deleted from the list for non-compliance with the continuing education requirement shall not be given interpreting assignments with the

courts. Interpreters will not be added back onto the list until the continuing education requirement is met.

CONTINUING EDUCATION COMPLIANCE FORM

Please type or print clearly and legibly in ink. Please submit only one compliance form for each two-year compliance period and complete every section of the form.

THIS COMPLIANCE PERIOD IS FROM: July 1, _____ - June 30, _____

SECTION I - GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Contact Numbers: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Certified Language(s): _____

SECTION II - SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

Please list your continuing education activities for the current compliance period. You must complete a total of 10 hours of continuing education.

Continuing Education Activities (please attach proof of attendance.)

Activity (Title)	Date(s)
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TOTAL CREDITS: _____