

Orientation Workshop Information for Sign Language Interpreters

The Orientation Workshop is a requirement for American Sign Language and Certified Deaf Interpreters wishing to work in the Pennsylvania courts. Topics covered in the workshop include legal interpreting as a profession, the organization and functions of Pennsylvania's judicial system, ethics and professional development, necessary interpreting skills and modes of interpretation. Candidates receive all training materials, information about additional resources, legal glossaries and study tips for the written examination. Workshops are led by federal and RID certified interpreters with legal interpreting experience. Candidates must attend both sessions to meet certification requirements.

Target audience

The target audience for this workshop are ASL and CDI interpreters interested in working in the courts and other legal settings. Candidates must have an RID certificate relevant to legal interpretation.

Educational objectives

At the conclusion of this workshop, the participants should be able to:

1. Explain the role of the court interpreter and legal basis for such role
2. Describe and know how Pennsylvania's judicial system operates
3. How to prepare for the written exam and fulfill certification program requirements
4. Compare the RID and PA professional Rules of Conduct and Professional Responsibility

Registration and additional information

In order to attend you must first register with the Interpreter Certification Program and complete a separate Orientation Registration form. You can obtain both forms from the program website: pacourts.us/judicial-administration/court-programs/interpreter-program. Registration fee is \$150 for PA residents and \$175 for non-residents. Dates and locations are posted in the calendar page of the ICP website. See the Registration and Orientation pages for complete info. **Walk-ins are not allowed!**

CMP Sponsor

In partnership with PARID, the Interpreter Certification Program offers RID CMP credits to sign language and deaf interpreters for attending this workshop. PARID is approved by the RID CMP to sponsor CEUs. This activity is being offered for 1.5 CEUs in Professional Studies. Participants should have some prior knowledge of the topic and must attend both days to qualify for CEUs.



Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts
Interpreter Certification Program
1515 Market Street, Suite 1414
Philadelphia, PA 19102
Email: InterpreterProgram@pacourts.us

