

Lessons Learned

Expert Panel on Community Interpreter Testing and Certification

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History and Background

- 1972 - RID had fewer than 400 members
- 2007 - over 12,000 members
- 1972 - no degree granting programs for interpreting.
- 2007 - 99 AA (two year programs);
26 offering BA degrees;
1 MA in Interpreting and 1 MA in teaching interpreting.

- Realistic expectations of certification
- Basic professional standard
- Education



CIT

- CIT promotes quality instruction by providing its membership with:
 - Standards for interpreting programs and curricula
 - Standards for interpreter educators
 - Opportunities for professional development and mentoring
 - Support for research relevant to the practice and instruction of interpretation and mentoring
 - A mechanism for sharing information among interpreter

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Certification, Certification Maintenance (CEUs), Grievance

- Knowledge test,
- Performance test
- Continuing Education Units
- Ethics and Consumer Grievance Process
- Costs



Conclusion



- Lessons learned

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