

Ladder of Standards for Minnesota Healthcare Interpreter Roster-Registry-Certification

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Roster of Healthcare Interpreters

Requirements:

- 21 years old or older
- Criminal background check

After 2015 Roster applications will not be accepted from interpreters of *languages of greater diffusion*, defined as languages with more than x-number-of interpreters on the Minnesota Registry of Healthcare Interpreters.

Registry Tier 1: Interim Entry Status

Requirements:

- Meet roster requirements
- High school diploma or GED or equivalent
Oral proficiency assessment as recognized by xx in **all** working languages at the ACTFL Advanced Mid level or ILR 2 level Exemptions granted for languages in which oral proficiency exams do not exist
- 40+ hours of approved training in interpreter ethics and standards of practice, the role of the interpreter, including process management, or 3 credits of Ethics and Standards of Practice
- Agree to abide by the NCIHC Medical Interpreter Code of Ethics
- 8 hours of professional development per year (a 1 credit course equals 45 hours)

After 4 years Tier 1 interpreters must qualify at Tier 2, except time extensions may be allowed in designated rural areas and in languages with fewer than 5 people on the Registry.

Registry Tier 2: Interim Trained Status

Requirements:

- Tier 1 requirements
- 3 credits of Ethics and Standards of Practice training if not already taken to satisfy Tier 1 requirements
- 9 credits of translation and interpreting training, including:
 - 3 credits of bilingual interpreting skills practice in the three modes of interpreting and process management
 - 3 credits of (medical) terminology and glossary development
- 8 hours of professional development per year (a 1 credit course equals 45 hours)

After 4 years Tier 2 interpreters must qualify at Tier 3, except time extensions may be allowed in designated rural areas and in languages with fewer than 5 people on the Registry.

Registry Tier 3: Full Status

Requirements:

- Tier 2 requirements
 - Pass an interpreting skills assessment (such as MICE, Fluency, Inc Exam, Cyracom Exam, Language Line Exam, State Court Certification Exam) approved by xx
 - Oral proficiency assessment as recognized by xx in both languages of relevant language pair(s) at the ACTFL Advanced High level or ILR 2+ level
Exemptions granted for languages in which oral proficiency exams do not exist
 - 400 hours of work experience
-or- Certificate or Associate's Degree in Interpreting
 - 8 hours of professional development per year (a 1 credit course equals 45 hours)
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Certified Interpreter

(When national certification process is available)