



Louisiana Court Interpreter Training Program Training/Testing Calendar- 2017

City	Training Dates	Testing Date	Registration Deadline
Lafayette Picard Center at ULL 200 E. Devalcourt Street, Lafayette, LA	April 3-4, 2017	April 5, 2017	March 20, 2017
New Orleans	Fall, 2017 - TBD	Fall, 2017	Fall, 2017

The Louisiana Supreme Court is pleased to announce that registration is now open for the Louisiana Court Interpreter training classes and testing. These classes are specifically for bilingual individuals who are interested in becoming registered court interpreters. In these highly focused, two-day training classes, participants will be schooled in:

- Structure of Louisiana’s judicial system & legal terminology
- Louisiana’s *Code of Professional Responsibility for Language Interpreters*
- Role of the interpreter in the various legal and court proceedings
- Modes of interpretation including consecutive, simultaneous, and sight

The training will be conducted primarily by a federally certified court interpreter who has many years of interpreting, training, and testing experience. The training will be conducted primarily in the English language, with many language specific examples and terms explained and used. The classes are highly interactive, which means the participants will practice various interpreting modes and techniques, discuss shared challenges, and take part in insightful exercises designed to build court interpreting skills.

Participants are expected to already possess a bilingual level of fluency in both English and the language or languages in which they desire to become registered. Participants should study a glossary of legal terms in both English and the language in which they desire to be registered. Legal glossaries in many languages are available upon registration and request.

On the 3rd morning of the conference, participants who desire to be listed as a “registered” interpreter by the Louisiana Supreme Court, must take and pass two written examinations, broken down as follows:

Part 1 - Translation exam from English into the target language

Part 2 - General English Language Proficiency, Court Related Terms, Ethics & Professionalism

Interpreters for the hearing impaired are welcome to attend the training sessions but should note that the classes focus primarily on the spoken languages.

REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME A LOUISIANA “REGISTERED” COURT INTERPRETER

An interpreter will be listed on the Louisiana Supreme Court’s list of “registered” court interpreters in the language for which he tested if he:

- Completes the two day training class;
- Passes a standard written English examination
- Passes a written translation examination.
- Agrees to be bound by Part G, Section 14 of the General Administrative Rules for all Louisiana Courts – The *Code of Professional Responsibility for Language Interpreters*;
- After passing the written examinations, passes a criminal background check.

REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME A “CERTIFIED” COURT INTERPRETER

Once an interpreter has met all of the qualification to become a “registered” court interpreter in Louisiana, he is then eligible to take an oral examination (provided by the National Center for State Courts) to become a “certified” court interpreter. While registration indicates a basic level of proficiency, certification as a court interpreter indicates the highest skill level and tests the interpreter in all three modes of court interpreting. Certification is a generally recognized standard in most state court systems.

TRAINING CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND COSTS

Training class only (including lunch for 2 days)	\$150.00
Re-testing only	\$ 50.00
Training class and testing (including lunch)	\$200.00

Participants must pre-register for the classes and testing by submitting the attached registration form with payment. Once a participant’s registration has been received, the participant will receive an e-mail with additional information on the particular location, time, and details of the conference selected.

For additional information, please contact La Supreme Court / Judicial Administrator’s Office staff:

Richard Williams, Deputy Judicial Administrator (225) 382-3182

Debbie Daigle, Administrative Assistant (225) 382-3181 / ddaigle@lasc.org.



Application for Registration Louisiana Court Interpreter Training Program

Please Print or Type:

Mr./Ms./Mrs./Dr.: _____
Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parish/County: _____ Home Phone: (____) _____

Business Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____

Social Security Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Languages in Which I Possess a Native-like Fluency and in which I seek to be registered: _____

Training Course/Testing Registration Co-sponsored by the Supreme Courts of Louisiana and Arkansas

_____ Lafayette, LA (Dates: April 3-5, 2017)

_____ \$150.00 to attend the training only

_____ \$ 50.00 to re-test only

_____ \$200.00 to attend the training and take the tests

Please submit check or money order made payable in U.S. funds to **LA Supreme Court.**

Cash is not accepted.

Please complete this form and return it with payment to:

**Louisiana Supreme Court
Court Interpreter Training Program
1600 N. 3rd Street, 4th Floor
Baton Rouge, LA 70802**

Registration with payment is due at least one week prior to the conference start date.
Fees are non-refundable and non-transferable if cancellation is within a week of the conference start date.

If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to participate, please contact LA Court Interpreter Training Program staff prior to the registration deadline at:

Phone: 225-382-3181

Fax: 225-382-3187

Email: ddaigle@lasc.org