

Frequently Asked Questions

Interpretation and Translation Programs

1. How do I get started?

Register for the next scheduled online Bilingual Proficiency Test and in-class Program Orientation.

2. How long (times are approximate) does it take to complete the certificate?

Legal Interpretation and Translation: 16 - 18 months

Healthcare Interpreting: 14 - 16 months

3. Can I take individual courses?

Yes, as long as you meet the prerequisites for that course.

4. Can I miss a class and then start up again at a later date?

Yes; however, classes are scheduled according to their sequence, so if you start in the spring and miss a required class in the summer, you will have to wait when it is offered again to continue with the program.

5. Do I have to pay for all the courses at once?

Pay as you go on a course-to-course basis.

6. When are these classes normally offered?

Weeknights and/or Saturday.

7. How do I know what classes will be offered for the next semester?

Visit our website at extension.fullerton.edu.

8. How do I register for a course?

Online: <http://extension.fullerton.edu/ProfessionalDevelopment/interpretation>

By phone: 657.278.2611

For further information regarding University Extended Education's policies:

<http://extension.fullerton.edu/ProfessionalDevelopment/Policies>

9. What books will I need?

Check the website for the desired class and it will provide the most up-to-date information about books, class schedules, fees and location.

10. Can I take more than 1 class at a time?

Yes, as long as you meet the prerequisites for that class.

11. How much is tuition?

Fees may change without notice. For current fees, please go to

<http://extension.fullerton.edu/ProfessionalDevelopment/interpretation>

Legal Interpretation and Translation: ~3260 w/o textbook. Healthcare Interpreting: ~2110 w/o textbook.

12. When I complete the program, will I be a certified interpreter or translator?

A certificate of "completion" is awarded indicating the total number of CEUs you have completed. It does not "certify" you as an interpreter. For Legal Interpretation and Translation, the courses help to prepare you for the State exam, which is required to work as a certified court interpreter or translator. For more information, visit:

<http://www.prometric.com/California/default.htm>

13. What is a CEU?

Continuing Education Units are widely used to provide evidence of completion of continuing education requirements mandated by certification bodies, professional societies, or governmental licensing boards. The records also provide employers with information on training pertinent to particular occupations.