WASHINGTON COURTS
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

Washington Court Interpreter Program 2017 Certification Process

February

Written Examination Preparation Class (Optional)

Two-day class covering exam topics and test-taking strategies.
Location: Spokane (Feb 11th and 12th) and Seattle (Feb 18th & 19th)

April

Written Examination

English language, vocabulary, court related terms and ethics.
Locations: Bellevue (April 1st) and Spokane (April 8th)

May

Interpreter Oral Exam Orientation

Information on legal terminology and procedure, simultaneous interpreting, consecutive interpreting and sight translation to prepare for oral interpreting examination.

June - Aug

Oral Examination Preparation Course (Optional)

Multi-week preparation course with an overview of interpreting skills and intensive interpreting practice.

October

Oral Interpreting Examination

Individually scheduled testing appointments. Sight translation, consecutive interpreting and simultaneous interpreting.
Location: Seattle

Feb & Oct

Court Interpreter Ethics and Protocol

After passing a criminal background check, interpreters participate in this one-day class on interpreter ethics and courtroom protocol. The interpreter oath is administered as the final step in becoming certified. *Location: Seattle*