



Oregon Health Care Interpreter Program Requirements

Oregon’s Health Care Interpreter Program includes two levels of credentialing (qualification and certification) A qualified or certified health care interpreter must meet all of the requirements listed below and provide all of the supporting documentation.

| | Qualification | Certification |
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| Requirements and documentation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be at least 18 years of age. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of an Oregon driver’s license or passport. • Must not be on the Medicaid Exclusion List http://exclusions.oig.hhs.gov/ • Must pass a background check (please complete background check form on OHA/OEI’s website) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Printout of search results. • Have at least 60 hours of formal health care interpreter training. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of successful completion of training at OHA-approved training center or equivalent. • Language proficiency in English and the target language (see next page for more information). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of passing a language proficiency test at an Oregon-approved testing center. <input type="checkbox"/> Or, demonstrate having met equivalent language proficiency requirements. • Have at least 15 hours of documented interpreting experience. • \$25 qualification fee payable (by check or money order) to OHA/OEI Health Care Interpreter Program (includes registration fee). • Send completed application and check to: Health Care Interpreter Program Office of Equity and Inclusion 421 SW Oak St. Suite 750 Portland, Oregon 97204 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be at least 18 years of age. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of an Oregon driver’s license or passport. • Must not be on the Medicaid Exclusion List http://exclusions.oig.hhs.gov/ • Must pass a background check (please complete background check form on OHA/OEI’s website) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Printout of search results. • Have at least 60 hours of formal health care interpreter training. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of successful completion of training at OHA-approved training center or equivalent. • Have at least 30 hours of documented interpreting experience. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of passing national certification tests from one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Board of Certification for Medical Interpreters • Certification Commission for Healthcare Interpreters • Oregon Court Interpreter Certification • Federal Court Interpreter Certification exams • American Sign Language (ASL) Certification • \$25 certification fee payable (by check or money order) to OHA/OEI Health Care Interpreter Program (includes registration fee). • Send completed application and check to: Health Care Interpreter Program Office of Equity and Inclusion 421 SW Oak St. Suite 750 Portland, Oregon 97204 |
| Valid period | Three years | Three years |

*Oral certification test is available in Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, Russian, Korean, Arabic, Vietnamese.
 Questions? Contact the Oregon Health Care Interpreter Program: hci.program@state.or.us, 971-673-3328, www.oregon.gov/oha/oci. Or call us to schedule an appointment in person.

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Meeting the language proficiency requirements for HCI qualification and certification

Oregon Health Authority approved language proficiency testing centers include:

- [Language Line University](#) Level 3 or above (ILR equivalent, based on website information).
- [Language Testing International](#) testing is based on ACTFL assessment (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages). Both the OPI (telephonic) and OPIc (computer recording) are acceptable.
- The passing level for all language testing is advanced mid-level on the ACTFL scale.

Oral proficiency in both English and the non-English language (L2) may be demonstrated by passing any of the exams listed above (not expired) plus:

- Oregon Court Interpreter Registered status – not expired

Oral proficiency in English may be demonstrated by one of the following:

- Bachelor, Masters, PhD or any other degree from any U.S institution of higher education.
- Graduation from any high school in an English language speaking country where English is the primary language of instruction.
- Graduation from a higher education institution abroad where English is the primary language of instruction.
- One of the following tests (subject to change). Test results must be from no more than three years ago to be considered valid.
 - » TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language): 570+ on paper; 230+ on computer version; 90+ on iBT
 - » CAE (Certificate in Advanced English, Level 4): B
 - » CPE (Certificate of Proficiency in English, Level 5): B
 - » IELTS (International English Language Testing System) 7.0+
 - » ILR (Interagency Language Round Table) 2+
 - » CEFR (Common European Framework) B2
 - » Oral Proficiency Interview at the Advanced Mid-level on the ACTFL scale

Oral proficiency in the non-English language(s) may be demonstrated by one of the following:

- Bachelor, Masters, PhD or any other degree from an institution of higher education where instruction is primarily in the non-English language and the person submitting proof is a native speaker of the non-English language.
- Graduation from high school in a country where instruction is primarily in the non-English language and the person submitting proof is a native speaker of the non-English language.
- One of the following tests (subject to change). Test results must be from no more than three years ago to be considered valid.
 - » ILR (Interagency Language Round Table) 2+ from Federal Government testing agencies
 - » CEFR (Common European Framework) B2
 - » Oral Proficiency Interview at the Advanced Mid-level on the ACTFL scale