

# 60 Hour Healthcare Interpreter Training for NEW Interpreters

## Become an Oregon Qualified or Certified Health Care Interpreter

The health care interpreter is an essential part of the clinical team. Interpreters offer a language and culture bridge between a health care professional (like a doctor, nurse, dentist, etc.) and a limited English proficient patient. This ensures proper communication and quality medical care.

A trained and certified/qualified health care interpreter will be fluent in English and a second language and understand the terminology, standards of practice, and cultural competencies necessary to provide accurate interpretation. Using an ad hoc interpreter (one who is not trained, or a family member or bilingual health professional) is statistically more likely to result in inaccurate interpretation and worse health outcomes.



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**Cost per person is \$795: includes textbooks, language assessment, training and OHA application fee.**

[Click here to register.](#)

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/60-hour-healthcare-interpreter-training-for-new-interpreters-tickets-111375071838?aff=affiliate1>



### DETAILS

Two sessions to choose from:

1. December 14th- 23rd, 2020 (does not include weekends)
2. June 14th-23rd, 2021 (does not include weekends)

Training runs 8:30am-5:00pm each day with the final day ending at noon at La Clinica's Center for Learning & Innovation, 931 Chevy Drive, Medford

**This training will meet COVID-19 safety guidelines.**

### PREREQUISITES

- At least 18 years old
- Oregon driver's license or state-issued ID card or passport
- High school diploma or GED
- Not on Medicaid exclusion list
- Employer letter attesting to 15 hours of interpreting experience
- Passing a bilingual language assessment-completed in registration process

### PROCESS TO BECOME A CERTIFIED HEALTHCARE INTERPRETER:

- Step 1:** Language assessment to establish bilingual skill level  
**Step 2:** 60-hour Interpreter Training  
**Step 3:** Complete the [OHA Qualified Healthcare Interpreter application](#) and background check  
**Step 4:** Register with the [Certification Commission for Healthcare Interpreters \(CCHI\)](#); practice interpreting & study; complete National oral & written exam  
**Step 5:** Complete required continuing education and re-apply with OHA as a Certified Healthcare Interpreter

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