

COURT REPORTING MAJOR

Associate of Applied Science Degree

Court Reporters are the quiet professionals who capture, protect, and preserve the court's record by recording the verbatim proceedings in court or during pre-trial depositions, which they translate into a transcript for use by court officials and attorneys.

Computers have expanded career potential in Realtime Writing. Today's court reporters not only work in courtrooms or at agencies, but can now pursue careers as captioning experts, rapid-text entry operators, or assist hearing-impaired students using CART who follow along on computer screens.

Students are expected to spend two to four hours per week, outside of class time, in the transcription lab editing speed tests.

Students seeking a degree in the Court Reporting Program complete a supervised internship affording them an opportunity to define career goals, gain experience, and acquire self-confidence.

Students receive preparation for the state Certified Shorthand Reporter (CSR) and the Registered Professional Reporter (RPR) certification exams. Students obtain experience with Realtime Reporting during core classes.

Court Reporting Mission Statement:

The mission of the Court Reporting Associate of Applied Science degree program is to impart to students a level of knowledge and skill which will enable them to produce verbatim records of official, governmental, and judicial proceedings. This preparation includes listening skills; sufficient comprehension of legal, medical, and technical terminologies; English language skills including vocabulary, grammar, punctuation, and spelling; appreciation of the relevance of local, national, and international current events; principles of realtime machine shorthand writing; and the importance of adhering to the Code of Professional Ethics.

Court Reporting Learning Outcomes

Court Reporting graduates will be able to:

- Demonstrate listening and concentration skills to aid in machine shorthand writing
- Demonstrate proficiency in writing legal, medical and technical terminologies
- Demonstrate the ability to apply all punctuation, grammar, and spelling principles in transcription work
- Demonstrate knowledge of local, national and international current events
- Demonstrate expertise in the appropriate speeds and all theory principles
- Demonstrate knowledge of the Code of Professional Ethics in court reporting

***The Court Reporting Program
at MacCormac College
is the oldest program in the
United States (1912)***

