

Law Adjacent Careers Guide

Both court reporters and interpreters are licensed by the Texas judiciary. The rules, applications, and other relevant forms can be found online at the Texas Judicial Branch website.

Court Reporter

- I. Educational requirements**
 - a. High school diploma, GED, or equivalent
 - b. Pass certification exam
 1. Skills portion
 - a. Stenograph
 2. Written knowledge portion
 - a. Rules
- II. Ongoing education**
 - a. 10 hours of continued education over each two-year period
- III. Average income**
 - a. Varies by city, skill, etc.
 - b. Rough average is \$40,000-\$60,000 per year.
- IV. How long to become a court reporter**
 - a. Self-paced, but anticipate about 18 months of study and practice to pass the exam.
- V. Other relevant information**
 - a. Must pass background check
 - b. Reporters are in high demand.

**More information on
Court Reporter Certification:**

www.txcourts.gov/jbcc/court-reporters-certification/frequently-asked-questions/

Interpreter

- I. Educational requirements**
 - a. Exam orientation course
 1. Six-hour course
 - b. Application for licensure
 - c. Commission approved exam
- II. Ongoing education**
 - a. 16 hours of continued education over each two-year period
- III. Average income**
 - a. Broad range
 - b. Anticipate \$40,000-\$60,000 per year, but income can far exceed \$60,000
- IV. How long to become an interpreter?**
 - a. No firm timeline—however long it takes to complete the course and pass the certifications.
- V. Other relevant information**
 - a. Must pass background check
 - b. Interpreters are in high demand.

**More information on
becoming a Licensed Court Interpreter:**

www.txcourts.gov/jbcc/licensed-court-interpreters/initial-licensure/



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