

Interpreting in Health & Community Settings

Course Description:

The **Interpreting in Health & Community Settings** course is a comprehensive 40-hour (5-day) course for those who would like to serve as interpreters in health care, social service or educational settings. This course was developed by the Northern Virginia Area Health Education Center and covers ethics, modes and techniques of interpretation, and includes 16 hours of medical concepts and terminology and eight hours of cultural competence (see course [Table of Contents](#)). This course is designed for bilingual individuals who are interested in being an interpreter and/or who often find themselves serving in the capacity of an interpreter. Course Fee*: \$400 (the course fee covers all the course materials and coffee and light snacks/ refreshments. Participants will be responsible for their own lunches. Participants may bring a bagged lunch or purchase a lunch at one of the local eateries.

* Course fees must be paid by check made out to Refugee and Immigration Services (RIS) and are due on the first day of the class session for which you are registered. For agencies/ organizations, a completed [purchase order](#) may either be emailed to Rosemary Rodriguez prior to the first class session or a copy brought to the first class session in lieu of a check. RIS is NOT able to process cash and credit card payments at this time.

You must [register](#) for and successfully pass the **Interpreting in Health & Community Settings - Language Proficiency Test** before taking the comprehensive 40-hour "Interpreting in Health & Community Settings" course. The test has both an oral and a written component. The test will assess proficiency in both English and a target (non-English) language. It will require a time commitment of approximately 2 hours. Test Fee*: \$50

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2007 Course Schedule		
Date	Time	Location
March 15-16 (Thursday-Friday) March 22-23 (Thursday-Friday) March 30 (Friday)	9AM – 5PM	Richmond, VA TBD
June 14-15 (Thursday-Friday) June 21-22 (Thursday-Friday) June 29 (Friday)	9AM - 5PM	Richmond, VA TBD
September 13-14 (Thursday-Friday) September 20-21 (Thursday-Friday) September 28 (Friday)	9AM - 5PM	Richmond, VA TBD

2007 Language Proficiency Test Schedule		
Date	Time	Location
February 15 (Thursday)	9AM – 11AM	Richmond, VA VCU Language Learning Center 701 West Grace Street Room 2306 Richmond, VA 23284
February 16 (Friday)	11AM – 1 PM	
May 24 (Thursday)	9AM – 11AM	
May 25 (Friday)	11AM – 1 PM	
August 23 (Thursday)	9AM – 11AM	
August 24 (Friday)	11AM – 1 PM	

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