



Minnesota Interpreter NEWSLETTER

NATIONAL CERTIFICATION

The national certification is an important step in the process of professionalizing the field of spoken foreign language interpreting. As promised on our July Minnesota Interpreter NEWSLETTER, on this month's issue, you will learn about the prerequisites established by the National Board of Certification for Medical Interpreters (NBCMI). July's issue addressed the eligibility requirements established by the Certification Commission for Healthcare Interpreters (CCHI).

WHAT ARE THE PREREQUISITES FOR INTERPRETERS WITH AT LEAST ONE YEAR OF EXPERIENCE AND FOR INTERPRETERS WITH LESS THAN ONE YEAR OF EXPERIENCE?

If you have been working as a medical interpreter for at least one year: provide proof of that via

signed letter of employment on company letterhead and filled out application.

If you have less than one year of experience:

- Minimum age of 18 years.
- General education: high school diploma or GED diploma.
- Medical Interpreter Education: Certificate of successful

completion of a registered medical interpreter education program. To see list of registered training programs go to <http://www.imiaweb.org/education/trainingnotices.asp>

- Oral proficiency in English.

INFORMATION SOURCE:

[HTTP://WWW.CERTIFIEDMEDICALINTERPRETERS.ORG](http://www.certifiedmedicalinterpreters.org)

WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS TO PROVIDE ORAL PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH?

You may fulfill this requirement if you:

- Received a Bachelor, Masters, PhD, or any other degree from any US institution of higher education
- Graduated from any high school from an English language country or from an American School abroad

➤ Or have taken an English proficiency test.

WHERE CAN I FIND THE LIST OF ENGLISH PROFICIENCY TESTS?

Go to <http://www.certifiedmedicalinterpreters.org/prerequisites>

When Are the ISG Meetings?

Currently meetings are scheduled on the 2nd Friday of the month from 10:00am-12:00pm. The ISG will be flexible to meet the demands of membership and is considering adding quarterly evening or weekend meetings.

Where Can I Find More information?

More information can be found at www.isgmidwest.org



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