



COVID-19

Chief Justice Martha L. Walters has imposed significant additional restrictions on court trials, hearings and court operations to limit the number of people coming into Oregon courtrooms and courthouses. These strict restrictions will help slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus and minimize health risks to those who work or enter our courthouses. The restrictions will be in place until at least Friday, March 27, and may be extended or revised as circumstances warrant. For more information go to: www.courts.oregon.gov



New to the Court Interpreter Certification Process?

Starting out on the journey towards court interpreter certification can be daunting. There are so many resources out there and so many steps to complete, it can be hard to know where to start. To help get you started, Court Language Access has compiled a list of five things you can do now to prepare yourself for Court Interpreter Certification. These five things include: court observation, assessing your bilingualism, building your legal vocabulary, preparing for the exams, and joining our LinkedIn Group. The full document can be found on our [website](#).

Preparing for the Written Exam?

The Written Exam is 231 days away (11/6/2020). Although it may seem far away, it is never too early to start preparing! There is a [Written Exam Prep video](#) on our website that you may want to watch. You may also want to consider forming a study group now. If you would like assistance finding people in your area to study with, please [contact us](#). While there are not a lot of “Written Exam Prep” materials available, there are still several resources out there that can help you as you prepare for the exam. There is a full list on the [website](#) but here are a few to get you started:

- [Synonyms and Antonyms](#)
- [Idioms](#)
- [Criminal Justice System Process](#)
- [Ethics](#)

Preparing for the Oral Exam?

The Oral Exam is 162 days away (8/29/2020) and now is the time to be studying! No matter what your plan is—independent study, group study, or a combination of the two, it is important that you stick to it and don’t give up. CLAS has now posted all of the Oral Exam Prep Videos [online](#), and has a vast array of other resources listed there too. Virginia Valencia, the founder of the educational company “Interpretrain” has a YouTube video that describes five tips on how to successfully study for the Oral Exam. Her tips include: finding a study buddy, setting specific goals, choosing material according to your goals, make a detailed study plan, and study smart. Click [here](#) to watch the entire video.

Upcoming Dates

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our calendar of events is changing frequently. You will receive updates about changes to the calendar via email as we are able, but the best place to find a current schedule of events is on our online calendar.

[CLAS Online Calendar](#)