



DISTANCE INTERPRETER EDUCATION: BENEFITS, CHALLENGES, PERSPECTIVES

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CURRENT STATE OF INTERPRETER TRAINING

Common Sense Advisory Interpreter Survey

80% of interpreters cited professional conferences as the main source of training and education

INTERPRETER EDUCATION ONLINE VALUES

Interpreter training should be:

- ⦿ Language-pair specific
- ⦿ Comprehensive
- ⦿ Guided
- ⦿ Accessible

CURRICULUM COMPONENTS

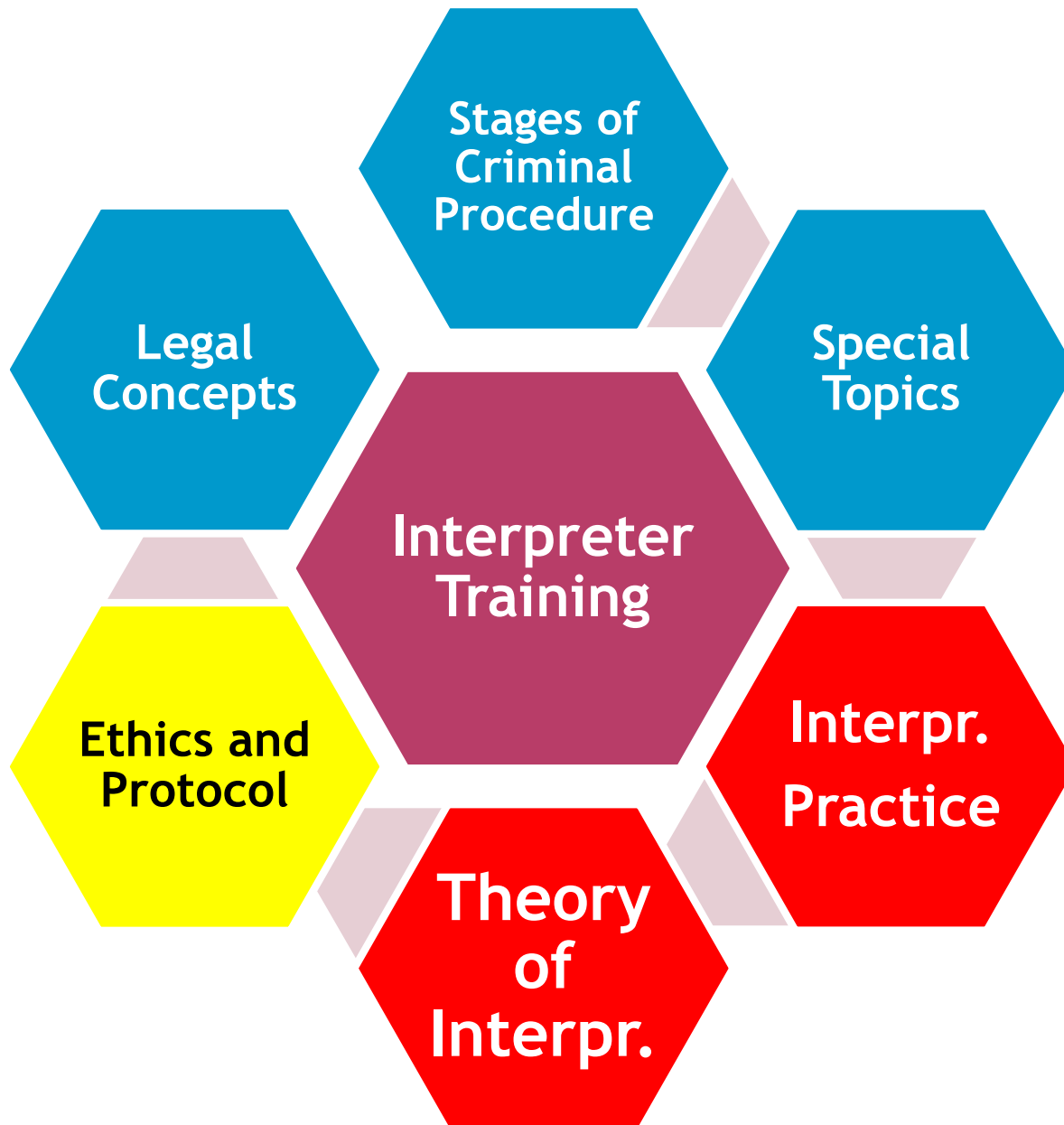
- Interpretation skills
- Subject-matter proficiency
- Ethics and protocol

INTERPRETER EDUCATION ONLINE

- ◉ Established in 2009
- ◉ 100% online
- ◉ Language Combinations:
English < > Albanian, Arabic,
French, Haitian-Creole, Hmong,
German, Korean, Mandarin,
Polish, Portuguese, Russian,
Spanish, and Vietnamese

CURRENT PROGRAMS

- ◉ Advanced Course for Legal Interpreters
- ◉ Basic Course for Legal Interpreters
- ◉ Subject-Matter Single-Topic Units
- ◉ Skill-Building Single-Topic Units for Legal and Healthcare Interpreters
- ◉ Interpretation Performance Assessment Tests



OUTCOMES

- ◉ 70% graduation rate vs. 55.4% average college graduation rate in the U.S.
- ◉ The majority of those students who successfully complete IEO courses pass certification examinations
- ◉ After completing CEU courses, experienced interpreters have reported the improvement of their performance

CHALLENGES

- ✓ Human factor
- ✓ Training methodologies
- ✓ State of the profession
- ✓ Balance between the cost and the quality of educational services



ADVANTAGES

- ◉ Accessibility (time, distance, \$\$)
- ◉ Number of language combinations
- ◉ Comprehensive content
- ◉ Diversity of course formats
- ◉ Connects students and mentors
- ◉ Individual enrollment
- ◉ Individualized training

PERSPECTIVES

Virtual learning is here to stay.



The devil is in the execution.

Thank you for your
participation!

Your comments and
suggestions are most welcome!

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