

## **Welcome to the First-Ever Colorado Deaf Interpreter Training! GO CDIT!!!**

The CDIT Committee is thrilled and honored to have you join us in this incredible journey to learn more about Deaf interpreting. This course is a collaborative effort where we will learn from one another. Please be respectful of others and open-minded about diverse perspectives. Interpreting scenarios vary greatly and can impact decision-making rapidly. Sometimes, there are no definitive answers – as many interpreters' favorite phrase is, "It depends!"

**Course Information** We will use **Google Classroom** for our CDIT cohort. Pauline Ballentine and Kevin Harrer will be co-teaming this training.

**Welcome to Our Participants:** We are excited to welcome Cameron Baer, Lilly Benedict, Noah Blankenship, Christy Burton, Melissa Duggan, Claudia Hopkins, Franco Korpics, Kelly McCrary, Omid Ranger, and Katharine Walker. Most of us have interpreting experience with agencies and are pursuing professional interpreting credentials. We will introduce ourselves during the first seminar.

**Course Requirements:** To successfully complete the course, please ensure the following:

**1. Attendance:**

- Attend at least **8 out of 9 virtual sessions**.
- Attend the **Mock Training in Denver on April 12, 2025** (required).

**2. Reading Assignments:**

- Complete at least **4 out of 7 reading assignments**.
- Post your discussion topics in Google Classroom.

**3. Discussion Participation:**

- Read participants' discussions and respond to at least **10 discussions**.

**4. Video Projects:**

- Complete at least **3 out of 4 video projects**. Upload your videos to YouTube and share the links in Google Classroom.

### **Additional Guidelines:**

- **Reading Assignments:**

It is highly recommended to complete the assigned readings before class. You may post your discussion after class but before the next session (within 2 weeks).

- Discussion posts: 200–500 words (English) or an ASL video (maximum 3 minutes).
- **ZOOM Sessions:**
  - PowerPoint slides will be shared during the session and posted afterward.
  - Keep your video on during sessions (except for breaks).
  - Each session will include a **10-minute break**.
  - Breakout rooms will be used for activities.
  - Presentations will last 30–45 minutes, followed by discussions and activities.
  - Our goal is to make these sessions productive and engaging.

**Looking Ahead:** CDIT is excited to see each of us achieve success in this training and earn a completion certificate. Many agencies and the **Colorado Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (CRID)** support expanding DI/CDI opportunities in Colorado. We hope you will go on to earn certification and demonstrate to our communities the immense benefits of having a full interpreting team.

**Good Luck!** Let's embark on this adventurous journey together and make it a memorable experience!