

PAF Training Programs, LLC

Online Court Reporting Training Programs

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Do credits transfer from previous schools I attended (that was or wasn't a court reporting school)?

Credits do not transfer. Skills do. If you have taken court reporting training before, you can test to see where you are in the program.

2. Do you accept grants, scholarships or loans as payment toward tuition? We are a very affordable self-pay program, and typically do not accept grants or loans. Monthly invoicing is sent for all programs. Having to pay monthly eliminates the stress over big loans with interest and finance fees. We are a Partner Program with www.ProjectSteno.org and accept Tuition Assistance.

3. How long does the court reporting program take from home on a part-time basis? The online program is available 24 hours a day, so the amount of time it takes to complete the program is entirely individualized. We are finding the average person gets through the theory portion, spending about 20 hours a week, in about 4.5 months. The speed building is what takes the most time, and that depends on how much time you spend on the machine practicing. We have had people get through the program in about 18 months while others have taken longer. We anticipate 24 months.

4. Is the pay normally salary or hourly? Neither. Freelance Court Reporters – those who take depositions and hearings are independent contractors and are usually paid an appearance fee for showing up, and then a per page rate for transcripts ordered and produced. The more complex the work and the more copies sold, the higher the income potential. Official Court Reporters working in court are paid a salary, usually with benefits, and depending on the court system, a page rate if transcripts are ordered. Broadcast Captioners and CART Providers, those working with the hard of hearing community in colleges, schools, meetings, conventions, and even from home with television stations, are paid hourly.

5. Can you send me more information to review? Of course! Please fill out a contact form and we'll be sure to send you more information. All training materials are accessed online – you will have no books to buy. You will have a personal coach and a mentor to spend time with you to ensure your progress and success. Whether you are in a classroom with other people or attending online, this is an individualized program and it's going to be what you put into it that will determine what you're going to get out of it.

6. Do I need special equipment to take the online classes? Yes, you do. You need a steno machine, computer with a webcam, and special software. We suggest speaking with your coach first to determine the best machine and software for you. We provide training on your software and affordable options for obtaining your steno machine and software. We hope that answers most of your questions. But ask away if you have more!

7. What are the costs associated with the different courses? Costs are located on the Registration form and detailed costs associated with your program will be discussed and sent to you on request.

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