



Minnesota Interpreter NEWSLETTER

NATIONAL CERTIFICATION

The national certification is an important step in the process of professionalizing the field of spoken foreign language interpreting. In this month's issue and August's, we will provide you with the basic information about the requirements and eligibility criteria to apply for the certification. On this month's issue of ISG's Newsletter, you will learn about the eligibility criteria established by the Certification Commission for Healthcare Interpreters (CCHI). On our next ISG's Newsletter we will provide the prerequisites established by the National Board of Certification for Medical Interpreters (NBCMI).

WHAT ARE THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS I MUST MEET BEFORE I CAN APPLY FOR THE CCHI CREDENTIAL EXAMINATION?

- Minimum age of 18 years.
- At least one year of experience working as a healthcare interpreter. This must be verified by the organization for which you work or contract, through a Work History Verification Letter attached to your application.
- Have a minimum of U.S. high school diploma (or GED) or its equivalent from another country.
- Have at least 40 hours of healthcare interpreter training (academic or non-academic program).
- Have linguistic proficiency in English and the target language(s). Please see: [CCHI's Certification Examination Handbook](#) for more information on these 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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INFORMATION SOURCE: [HTTP://WWW.HEALTHCAREINTERPRETERCERTIFICATION.ORG](http://www.healthcareinterpretercertification.org)

ARE THERE ANY OPTIONS TO PROVIDE WORK HISTORY?

Yes, there are two options.

➤ Option 1: You may submit a Work History Verification Letter from the organization where you worked or have worked as healthcare interpreter.

➤ Option 2: You may submit an affidavit signed by you and at least two individuals who may not be family members who can verify your interpreting healthcare work experience.

WHERE CAN I FIND SAMPLES OF BOTH?

[Click on here](#) to visit CCHI's Web site to find more detailed information.