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## Are You a CoreCHI™ or CHI™ Certificant? Do you want information about which continuing education courses will count toward your CCHI credential renewal requirements?

To help you, CCHI created the Continuing Education Accreditation Program (CEAP) that **assesses, analyzes and accredits continuing education (CE) programs for healthcare interpreters.** The objective of CEAP is to improve the availability and quality of continuing education courses or programs for healthcare interpreters. It gives you the assurance that the courses or training events you select meet the certification renewal criteria. If a course is CEAP-approved, you will find it in CCHI's online continuing education (CE) Course Registry. You no longer have to wonder or worry whether or not your choice of courses can be used to maintain your credentials.

**With the number of CCHI credential holders growing nationwide, there is a pressing need for ongoing continuing education that supports the re-certification of interpreters.** The profession of healthcare interpreter continues to mature while becoming increasingly more complex and specialized, and your career requires ongoing education. CEAP is committed to staying on the leading edge of your educational needs. **Our mission is to help you gain and maintain interpreting competence and prevent professional obsolescence.** Selecting CEAP-accredited courses for your certification maintenance needs positions you as an interpreter who is committed to professional excellence.



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## Why is the CCHI Continuing Education Accreditation Program (CEAP) Important to You?

When you select a CEAP-accredited course, you know that the course meets the specific CCHI criteria for renewing your certification needs. The CEAP “seal of approval” means you don’t have to waste valuable time looking for courses that may qualify for continuing education purposes as outlined by CCHI. There’s no danger of wasting money and time taking a course that doesn’t further your career. CEAP-accredited courses or training programs provide the exact knowledge, skills and abilities that interpreters need—guaranteed. **When employers, organizations and agencies seek qualified healthcare interpreters, your commitment to maintain your certification through CEAP-**

**accredited courses has value in the marketplace.**

CEAP “pre-approved” courses are known to meet the CCHI specifications developed by thousands of contributors over three years’ time. CCHI is committed to develop course accreditation to “marry” the complementary needs of interpreters for CE courses and those of course developers and training providers. CCHI’s online CE Course Registry provides a tool to answer and satisfy the needs of all parties.

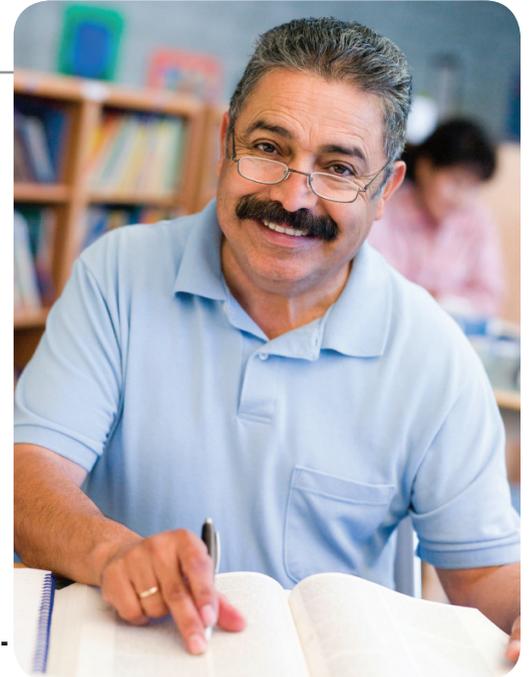
## Why is CEAP So Valuable and Relevant for You?

It’s important for healthcare interpreters to understand the criteria used to create qualified continuing education courses. CCHI’s Job Task Analysis Study took six months of work by thousands of contributors to clearly lay out the knowledge, skills and abilities needed for competent healthcare interpreting. CCHI uses those domains as the foundation to create examinations and certifications. Likewise, educators build courses that help professionals achieve the mastery they need in each of these critical domains.

**CEAP Guidelines are criteria that are used to review courses submitted for CE hours.** CEAP reviewers carefully match course content with these guidelines to ensure that it fulfills CCHI’s continuing education requirements. With the criteria clearly laid out, training providers can efficiently target their course development. Once accredited, a course is quickly made available to interpreters through CCHI’s online CE Course Registry.

**CCHI has clearly delineated Credential Renewal Guidelines for those of you who have achieved CoreCHI™ or CHI™ status.** These policies and rules help you, a certified healthcare interpreter, understand what you need to do to keep current and connected to changes in the knowledge, skills and abilities needed in your work. Credential renewal requirements are designed to support the primary goals of CCHI’s CE requirements which are:

- **Maintain the value of your certification.** CCHI-accredited CE courses help you maintain the level of skills attained at certification and ensure that you keep up-to-date with the profession’s knowledge.
- **Improve your professional skills.** CCHI’s CE requirements create both incentive and opportunity for additional specialized education and training, and for increased skill building. Such courses and training programs provide opportunities to continue moving up to the next level of mastery, eventually creating a career path for professional healthcare interpreters. A career path will help “grow” the profession, both in size and in recognition.



## Use Online CE Course Registry to Identify Accredited Courses You Can Take to Maintain Certification

- You can search the CE Course Registry by content categories, geographic location or cost to find a course or training program that best suits your needs.
- You can see which conferences and conference sessions are pre-approved for CE hours to guide you in optimizing your conference attendance choices.
- You can verify that the training provider is undergoing CCHI’s accreditation review and awaiting CE hours award.

## Next Steps

- CEAP accreditation of a course is a clear, guaranteed way to know that a training will satisfy the requirements for meeting your CE needs.
- Go to our online **National Registry of Accredited CE Courses** (<https://www.ceapcchi.org/FindAProvider>) to view the CEAP-accredited training events available to you.
- If you have further questions about your CE needs, please contact us at [info@cchicertification.org](mailto:info@cchicertification.org).