

Continuing Education Requirements

All CoreCHI™ or CHI™ certificants must complete continuing education to maintain their certification. By “continuing education (CE),” we mean **learning in an instructor-led environment** with the subject matter:

- *beyond-beginner level* of complexity, and
- related to *healthcare interpreting*.

1 CE hour =

60 minutes of instruction,

i.e. one instructional (contact, classroom) hour.

Instructional hours *do not include* lunch, other breaks, assessment (quiz, exam, etc.) or administrative comments (e.g. welcome, overview, conclusion, evaluation, etc.).

32 CE hours needed every 4 years

- **28 CE hours** in *any* topic related to medical interpreting
- **4 CE hours** in **performance based (PB) topics**
- **Minimum duration** of a CE activity is **30 min.** for general topics and **60 min.** for PB topics.

Accepted CE Activities:

- conference sessions
- workshops and seminars
- webinars
- online courses and modules
- mentoring, documented by a third party (*not* self-reported)
- certain non-instructional activities (see <http://cchicertification.org/non-instructional-ce-activities/>)



Unaccepted Activities:

- actual interpreting or translating (i.e., performing your job)
- preparing for an assignment (any research that an interpreter would do to be ready to interpret in a new setting or on a new subject matter)
- self-study (reading, creating a glossary for self-use)
- attending or teaching a beginner-level course

Performance based (PB) Training

Training aimed to improve the healthcare interpreter’s skills in the **three interpreting modes – consecutive, simultaneous, and sight translation**.

- PB courses **must include instructor-led practice** in those modes of interpreting. Online courses do not need to have a human instructor but must be structured in a way that allows the student to practice the relevant mode(s) of interpreting and receive some *feedback or model interpretation* of assignments.
- Ethics, cultural awareness, or terminology-only courses **are not considered PB** in this context.