

ARE YOU A

GAMER • MUSICIAN • WRITER • TECHNOLOGIST?

**YOU HAVE THE SKILLS FOR A SUCCESSFUL CAREER IN:
Court Reporting • Captioning • CART***



WHO MAKES A GOOD COURT REPORTER, CAPTIONER, OR CART* PROVIDER?

- ★ Individuals who work independently and have a great **work ethic**
- ★ Individuals with an interest in the **legal system** or helping the deaf and hard-of-hearing community
- ★ **Musicians and gamers** with excellent dexterity and hand-eye coordination
- ★ **Grammar** geeks and those with an aptitude for learning new languages
- ★ Strong **writers** and spellers
- ★ **Entrepreneurs** who want to own a small business
- ★ **Technologists** with good troubleshooting skills

WHAT IS THE EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK FOR COURT REPORTERS AND CAPTIONERS?

- ★ **Demand** for court reporters and captioners will exceed supply by more than 5,500 positions over the next several years.
- ★ ADA and FCC regulations continue to create a **greater need** for captioners and CART (Communication Access Realtime Translation) professionals.
- ★ **Court reporting and captioning are lucrative careers**, with average earnings of \$60,000 for full-time professionals and an earning potential well into the six figures.

NCRA A to Z® Intro to Steno Machine Shorthand program

- Take a free six- to eight-week course to learn the basics of steno writing to discover if a career in captioning or court reporting is the right career for you. Programs offered in person and online.
- Learn more and register at DiscoverSteno.org.
- Research NCRA-approved court reporting programs at NCRA.org/schools.

* Communication Access
Realtime Translation



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A Career That Gives You Options



COURT REPORTERS ...

- ★ Work inside courtrooms and as freelancers
- ★ Cover criminal and civil cases
- ★ Travel around the country and overseas



CAPTIONERS ...

- ★ Sit close to the action at professional sports games
- ★ Can work from home and set their own hours
- ★ Caption live television shows and music events



CART PROVIDERS ...

- ★ Assist members of the deaf and hard-of-hearing communities
- ★ Work in schools, universities, and entertainment venues
- ★ Use a steno machine to provide instant speech-to-text translation

Keeping the record at criminal trials

Court reporters have the vital role of capturing the spoken word and creating an accurate record of the proceedings inside courtrooms. Sometimes, additional research is required to ensure transcript accuracy. The United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (EDNY), for example, has the largest terrorism docket in the U.S. Preparation for these high-profile trials begins with creating a glossary of terms. This is especially important since most cases involve military lingo, foreign names, foreign locations, and other foreign terminology.

Bringing captions to Coachella

Isaiah Roberts, RPR, and Stan Sakai, CRC, had the unique experience of captioning Coachella, an annual music festival in Indio, Calif. It is one of the biggest music festivals in the world. The pair developed their own app and wrote the code to match Coachella's website branding. They captioned the on-stage commentary and song lyrics for many artists, including headliners Ariana Grande and Beyoncé, which concertgoers could download and view on their phones during their performances. Then the next weekend they captioned Stagecoach, another music festival held in the same location.

Providing CART at law school

Throughout her career, Tammy Vandervort, RPR, has done a variety of jobs, but she said the best three years of her career was providing CART for a client as he attended law school! "First, I always wanted to attend law school and become a lawyer. Attending law school for three years and getting paid to do what I love to do was the next best thing. But, mostly, I felt honored that I was able to help someone pursue their dreams," said Vandervort.

Is this the right career for you?

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