CAREERS IN COURT REPORTING
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Facts About the DMACC Court Reporting Program

1. Low-cost tuition ($160 per credit x 81 credits = $12,960). Additional fees are assessed for online and web-blended classes. Additional tuition costs will be incurred if speed classes are repeated.

2. DMACC is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges & Schools.

3. This program is approved by the National Court Reporters Association.

4. Students spend 15-20 hours each week in a class setting.

5. The program includes online and web-blended classes for flexible scheduling.

6. Personalized student services are available on the Newton Campus, including free tutoring.

7. Mentoring and internships are provided by professional court reporters.

8. Highly-experienced faculty members.

9. Join the Student Court Reporting Association for more networking opportunities with professional court reporters.

10. Scholarships are available.

DMACC Court Reporting: Exceptional Facilities, Equipment and Instruction

Based at our Newton Campus, DMACC’s program is the only one of its kind in Iowa. It was developed during a year of collaboration with the Iowa Court Reporters Association and the Iowa Bar Association.

The program began in 2014. As with all DMACC programs, court reporting students will learn on the same equipment used by current professionals and will be taught by credentialed instructors with real-world experience.

Faculty Members

Dr. Patricia L. (Patti) Dean Ziegler, CRI, CPE, M.A, Ed. D.
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Court Reporting: A unique skill that leads to great career opportunities!

Trained court reporters use their unique skills to pursue career options:
- Official court reporters work in state and federal courthouses.
- Freelance court reporters take legal depositions with lawyers.
- Broadcast captioners create captions for live TV programs.
- CART providers create transcripts for deaf and hearing-impaired individuals in classrooms and meetings.

The job outlook for court reporters in Iowa is strong:
- More than 60 job openings are expected in the next five years.
- More than 5,500 are expected nationwide.

The starting salary for court reporters is approximately $50,000 per year.
Court Reporting (Associate Degree in Applied Science)

Students must complete the following courses and maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average. Machine shorthand speed requirements must be met to advance to the next speed class and graduate from the program.

Term 1—Fall
CRC 100 - Machine Shorthand Theory I
CRC 102 - Machine Shorthand Skills/Techniques I
ADM 157 - Business English
ADM 208 - Legal Terminology

Term 2—Spring
CRC 130 - Machine Shorthand Theory II
CRC 132 - Machine Shorthand Skills/Techniques II
CRC 165 - Realtime Punctuation and Proofreading
CRC 195 - Realtime Medical Terminology

Term 3—Summer
CRC 160 - Introduction to Speed Development
CRC 150 - Introduction to Realtime Technology
Any AAS Core Soc & Behavioral Science/Humanities Course

Term 4—Fall
CRC 175 - Realtime Technology Applications
CRC 180 - Single-Voice Speed Development I
CRC 183 - Multi-Voice Speed Development I
CRC 190 - Realtime Court Reporting Procedures I
Any AAS Core Math/Science Course

Term 5—Spring
CRC 220 - Single-voice Speed Development II
CRC 223 - Multi-voice Speed Development II
CRC 230 - Realtime Court Reporting Procedures II
Any AAS Core Distributed Course

Term 6—Summer
CRC 250 - Single-Voice Speed Development III
CRC 253 - Multi-Voice Speed Development III
CRC 275 - Internship

*Progress in theory and speed classes is very individualized. Students make progress at different rates, depending on the amount of time spent practicing and the quality of practice. Students should plan to spend a minimum of 10-15 hours outside of class practicing on their steno machines (in addition to 9-12 hours of class practice).*
Do you like to text? Court reporters use shorthand brief forms too!

People ......... P-PL  When the .......... WH-T
Are you .......... RU  Is the .......... S-T
Today .......... TOD  To the .......... TOT
With the .......... W-T  Cannot .......... KWOT

The drama of the courtroom drew me to this profession. It’s very intriguing. DMACC not only teaches us this very unique, in-demand skill, they also connect us with working reporters who will help us network, which can ultimately result in employment. Court reporting is also a lifelong profession with great pay, and it is never the same day after day.

Morgan Olson
DMACC Court Reporting Student

Do you have what it takes to become a realtime court reporter?

► Strong vocabulary, grammar and editing skills.
► Attention to detail.
► Ability to focus for extended periods of time.
► Self-motivation and persistence.
► Technology skills.
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TAKE THE NEXT STEP!

Attend the next information session
Court Reporting is offered exclusively
on DMACC's Newton Campus.

dmacc.edu/programs/courtreporting
641-791-3622 or toll-free at 800-362-2127, Campus Code 5.

Newton Campus Address
600 North 2nd Avenue West, Newton, Iowa 50208

*Students may need to repeat some speed classes to meet speed/accuracy requirements. Students
repeating speed classes will incur additional tuition charges. According to the National Court Reporters
Association, the national average for completion of court reporting programs is 33 months.