

National Court Reporters Association

CERTIFICATIONS TAKE YOU TO THE NEXT LEVEL

- Increase your earning potential
- Gain national recognition



Maxine Roberts, RDR, CRR
Akron, Ohio
NCRA Member
Photographer: Lonnie Griffin Photography



What are NCRA certifications?

- NCRA offers a variety of certifications that help members do everything from attaining state licensure to earning a higher income.
- As a national certifying body, NCRA certifications are the most widely accepted reporting, captioning, and legal video certifications in the country.
- Independently validated certifications are designed to help members showcase their skills to the world and be more competitive in their field.

Which certification is right for me?

Different certifications are available depending upon your level of career experience or your area of focus.

NCRA certifications are recognized in the marketplace.

NCRA educates the marketplace on the value and meaning of your certification via legal trade shows and public relations efforts. Attorneys, paralegals, and all users of court reporting and captioning services are more aware than ever of a certified professional's value.

Certification is more than just letters after your name.



Earning potential

NCRA certifications give you a clear edge in the marketplace. On average, the annual income for reporters who hold their RPR is more than 20 percent greater than uncertified reporters.



Take it to the next level

For those who already have the RPR, the CRR can help you demonstrate realtime skills to potential clients. On average, CRRs earn approximately 17 percent more than RPRs annually.



Networking connections

NCRA members' credentials are updated in NCRA's Member Directory of court reporting and captioning services, which offer easy ways to find you by location and credentials.

It's time to make a plan!

1. Set a goal date based on when you would like to complete all of your testing. Visit [NCRA.org/testing](https://www.ncra.org/testing) to select your certification goal date.
2. Look at the completion requirements for your desired certification, and plan to register for each requirement based on the registration (goal) date.



For additional information or to register, go to [NCRA.org/testing](https://www.ncra.org/testing).

Certification	Description	Eligibility requirements	Completion requirements	Who should test
 REGISTERED SKILLED REPORTER	The RSR was created as a stepping-stone credential to ultimately achieving the RPR designation	Must be a current or aspiring stenographic reporter; candidates do not need to be members of NCRA in order to take the RSR Exam	A three-leg Skills Test: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literary (160 wpm) • Jury Charge (180 wpm) • Testimony (200 wpm) 	Those new or returning to the profession who have yet to be able to get their writing speeds up enough to earn the RPR
 REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL REPORTER	NCRA's foundational certification for all reporters	Must be a current or aspiring stenographic reporter	A three-leg Skills Test: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literary (180 wpm) • Jury Charge (200 wpm) • Testimony (225 wpm) One Written Knowledge Test	Entry-level freelance and official reporters, students, those looking for a salary increase, those requiring a license
 REGISTERED MERIT REPORTER	NCRA's next-level skills certification designed for mid-career reporters	Must hold the RPR and be a current NCRA member	A three-leg Skills Test: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literary (200 wpm) • Jury Charge (240 wpm) • Testimony (260 wpm) 	Mid-career court reporters, those looking for the next level of networking, those looking for an additional salary increase
 REGISTERED DIPLOMATE REPORTER	NCRA's highest degree of certification	Must hold the RMR and have five current and continuous years of Participating or Registered member status	One Written Knowledge Test	Elite reporters desiring to join an exclusive club of reporting excellence
 CERTIFIED REALTIME REPORTER	NCRA's realtime proficiency certification	Must hold the RPR and be a current NCRA member	One realtime Skills Test: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testimony (200 wpm) 	Those who want to demonstrate realtime competency, those looking for an additional salary increase, those who wish to market themselves better as realtime reporters
 CERTIFIED REALTIME CAPTIONER	A special-training certification designed for those who caption	Must be a current or aspiring stenographic captioner; candidates do not need to be members of NCRA in order to take the CRC Exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One CRC Workshop • One Written Knowledge Test • One realtime Skills Test: Literary (180 wpm) 	Those who either currently work or would like to begin working in the captioning field
 CERTIFIED LEGAL VIDEO SPECIALIST	Designed for legal videographers to showcase proficiency in video deposition practices	The CLVS Seminar must be completed prior to taking the exam; a general knowledge of legal video is also helpful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One CLVS Certification Workshop • One Production Exam • One Written Knowledge Test 	Those who want to demonstrate legal video competency and videographers who wish to gain access to NCRA's court reporting network
 CERTIFIED REPORTING INSTRUCTOR	CRIs are educators, administrators, and reporters	Are NCRA Associate members; have attended a 13-hour, NCRA Council on Approved Student Education-sponsored session	Successful completion of the CRI online Education program. RPR Written Knowledge Test with a scaled score of 70 or better	Court reporters aspiring to teach and expand their instruction skills

For more information and testing dates, visit [NCRA.org/WKT](https://www.ncra.org/WKT)

For more information about the online testing requirements, visit [NCRA.org/SKT](https://www.ncra.org/SKT)