



Interpreter

BACJ- related certificates and concentrations: Either Law Enforcement or Victimology certificates/concentrations may benefit this career

BACJ- related courses:

- CRJU 3280 - Trauma Among Correctional Populations (3 Credits)
- CRJU 3285 - Trauma in the Criminal Justice System (3 Credits)
- CRJU 3420 - Pleas, Trials and Sentences (3 Credits)
- CRJU 3520 - Juvenile Justice (3 Credits)
- CRJU 3575 - Offenders with Mental Health Disorders (3 Credits)
- CRJU 4044 - Courts and Judicial Process (3 Credits)
- CRJU 4100 - Administration of Criminal Justice (3 Credits)
- CRJU 4120 - Race, Class, and Justice (3 Credits)
- CRJU 4121 - Ethics in Criminal Justice (3 Credits)
- CRJU 4410 - Criminal Law and Constitutional Procedures (3 Credits)
- CRJU 4430 - Law and Society (3 Credits)
- CRJU 4440 - Courts and Social Policy (3 Credits)
- HDFR 4004 - Family and Comm. Prog. II Grant Writing/Fundraising (3 credit hours)
- HDFR 4090 - Helping Profession Skills in HDFR (3 credit hours)
- HDFR 4260 - Family Systems and Social Justice (3 credit hours)
- HDFR 4860 - Trauma Informed Care for Diverse Populations and Co-occurring Disorders (3 credit hours)

Complementary/recommended minors: Spanish, Foreign Languages, Linguistics, English Writing, Communication, Psychology, Sociology, Human Development & Family Relations, Law Studies

Recommended extracurricular activities and experiences: Alpha Phi Sigma Criminal Justice Honor Society, study abroad, other community involvement and equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) experiences such as a student association or club, volunteering in the community, or other experiences that expose you to communities and cultivate a service-minded perspective.

Internship: An internship within a court or the state judicial offices may be beneficial

Duties and Responsibilities: An interpreter will work to translate information from one language into another within the court system. This may be within a courtroom during proceedings, or smaller settings such as working with witnesses, defendants, lawyers to relay information for depositions, hearings, or other cases. This may involve verbal translation as well as document translation.

Work Environment: This position will primarily work in an office or courtroom setting.

Work Schedule: The court system runs on a typical 8am-5pm Monday-Friday workweek. Due to this, overtime isn't as likely as it is with some other jobs.

Career Path/Promotion: The career path for an interpreter may include advancing into a supervisorial position or advancing within the court system to higher level courts.

Education, Training and Certification: Minimum requirements include a high school diploma plus four years working in interpretive services, and both languages used by the interpreter (or all languages) must be at college-level or above, however, a BACJ is extremely helpful in providing a contextual foundation for a court interpreter. Additionally, most states require an interpreter certification such as the State of Colorado Certified Interpreter credential or a Federal Interpreter Certification credential. Desired qualifications may include an advanced degree in interpretation or translation and accreditation by the American Translation Association (ATA) in addition to the above.

Skills and Competencies: Listening skills, languages, observation, writing, service mindset, emotional intelligence, communication, and analytical skills.

Colorado Salary Averages:

Bottom 10%: \$45,662

Top 10%: \$125,550

Median: \$54,600

Median Salary in U.S.: \$73,754