

NEW JERSEY

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Document Title	NJ Administrative Code Professional Licensing and Standards 6A:9-13.18 (2003) Educational Interpreter
Date	Fully effective: 2004
Related URL's	NJ Information regarding Educational Interpreters, including checklist and PowerPoint explanations http://www.state.nj.us/education/specialed/deaf/interpreters/
Comments	Certification: Emergency; Standard; Substitute
Educational Interpreter Guidelines	http://www.nj.gov/education/specialed/deaf/interpreters/021508role.pdf
Standards for:	
Formal Academic	
Oral	(c) To be eligible for the standard educational services certificate with an oral interpreting endorsement, a candidate shall: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have a high school diploma, a GED or an associate or higher degree; 2. Demonstrate interpreting skills as evidenced through the possession of an oral interpreting certificate from a Department-approved accrediting agency ;and 3. Complete fifteen semester hour credits of professional education coursework that includes study in child development, language development, curriculum development, interpreting for visually-impaired or blind students, legal and ethical issues for educational interpreters and methods of instruction. The study may be completed at an accredited two-year college.
Cued Speech	(d) To be eligible for the standard educational services certificate with a cued speech transliteration endorsement, a candidate shall: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have a high school diploma, a GED or an associate or higher degree; 2. Demonstrate interpreting skills as evidenced through the possession of a cued speech transliteration certificate from a Department-approved accrediting agency; and 3. Complete fifteen semester hour credits of professional education coursework that includes study in child development, language development, curriculum development, interpreting for visually-impaired or blind students, legal and ethical issues for educational interpreters and methods of instruction. The study may be completed at an accredited two-year college.
Sign Language Professional Knowledge Exam	
Sign Language	(b) To be eligible for the standard educational services certificate with

Interpreting Skill Exam	<p>a sign language interpreting endorsement, a candidate shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hold an associate or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university and complete the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) with a minimum score of three; and ii. 15 semester hour credits of professional education coursework that includes study in child development, language development, curriculum development, methods of instruction, interpreting for visually impaired or blind students and legal and ethical issues for educational interpreters. Such study may be part of the degree program or in addition to the degree program and may be completed at an accredited two year college; <p>OR</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2 .Have a high school diploma or a General Education Diploma (GED), demonstrated interpreting skills as evidenced through the possession of a sign language certificate from the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, the National Association of the Deaf or other Department- approved national accrediting agencies for sign language interpreting and complete the following : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The EIPA with a minimum score of 3; and ii. Fifteen semester hour credits of professional education coursework that includes study in child development, language development, curriculum development, interpreting for visually-impaired or blind students, legal and ethical issues for educational interpreters and methods of instruction. The study may be completed at an accredited two-year college.
CEU's	100 professional development hours every 5 years.
Developmental Alternatives (Often "Initial" or "Provisional")	<p>(e) An emergency educational interpreter certificate in sign language interpreting may be issued to a candidate with a high school diploma or GED and who has completed the EIPA with a minimum score of three.</p> <p>(f)An emergency educational interpreter certificate in oral interpreting may be issued to a candidate with a high school diploma or GED and who holds an oral interpreting certificate from a Department- approved accrediting agency.</p> <p>(g)An emergency educational interpreter certificate in cued speech transliteration may be issued to a candidate with a high school diploma or GED and who holds a cued speech transliteration certificate from a Department-approved accrediting agency .</p> <p>Substitute Credentials: Executive county superintendent may issue a substitute credential to candidates with a high school diploma or GED and who have completed the EIPA with a minimum score of 3.</p>
Renewals	Emergency certification is for one year, renewable 3 times
Additional Information	<p>Therese Sheehan Coordinator, Educational Programs & Resources for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students 609-633-7665</p>