Interpreters Certification Advancement Network – ICAN
Utah Interpreter Program, State of Utah Division of Services to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Applications are now being accepted until February 2, 2012!
Registration is currently open to interpreters with Novice and EIPA certification

The Utah Interpreter Program (UIP), within the Division of Services to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DSDHH), has designed the ICAN program to address the long term needs of expanding and retaining the pool of interpreters in Utah. The ICAN program will offer intensive mentoring based out of the Sanderson Community Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (Deaf Center), in Taylorsville, Utah.

The ICAN goal is to enhance participating interpreters’ language development and comprehension by bring them together with language mentors, Deaf adults who are native ASL users and act as language models.

Participants will also learn how to identify areas of improvement through guidance from interpreter mentors, who will lead participants through the interpreting process.

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(Tentative Schedule)

Fifteen Interpreter candidates who are working toward advanced certification or equivalent requirements will be selected into the program.

All will start and complete the program together with the goal of improving the quality of their work and ultimately achieving higher certification which adheres to state policy and allows interpreters to work in Utah.
The structure of the program is focused on intensive mentoring:

- Participating interpreters will meet with language mentors regularly to discuss goals, tasks, and activities focused on language development.
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- Participating interpreters will be given the opportunity to accompany interpreter mentors on interpreting assignments to gain experience in a variety of situations.

- Participating interpreters will attend 3-4 day intensive immersion training at various locations, taught in ASL.
- Throughout the ten-month program, participating interpreters will attend monthly 3 hour Friday night professional development sessions.
- After completion of the program, all participating interpreters will take Utah Professional or National Certification Exams.

Benefits for ICAN Participating Interpreters

- No program fee
- Testing fees covered for up to two tests
- Program material provided at no cost
- Continuing Education Hours (CEHs) granted for all workshops, professional development sessions, and immersion training
- On-the-job mentoring alongside qualified interpreter mentors
- Access to State-of-the-art filming equipment and UIP interpreter lab
- Intensive language development

Program Obligations

The ICAN Program is designed for interpreters who are currently working in the State of Utah. Upon acceptance, ICAN will require all Participants to sign an obligation contract to commit to the sponsored program. ICAN expects to accept participants who are committed to staying in Utah at least one year after completing the program.

In the event a candidate does not complete the program because of personal choice or dismissal, he or she will be obligated to repay the funds used for their sponsorship. If he or she chooses not to work as an interpreter in Utah for one year following the completion of the program, he or she will be required to repay the stipend received.

Want More Information?

Contact Jennifer Harvey Storrer at jstorre@utah.gov or (801) 263-4873

Yes, I Want to Apply!

Go to http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ICANapplication and complete the application process.

Remember deadline is February 2, 2012!!