About National Certification

The 40 Hour Prerequisite Medical Interpreter Training program prepares you for national certification as a medical or healthcare interpreter. Currently, two U.S. organizations certify healthcare interpreters as the national level:

* Certification Commission for Healthcare Interpreters (CCHI)
* National Board of Certification for Medical Interpreters (NBCMI)

The National Council on Interpreting in Health Care has officially endorsed the certification process of the Certification Commission for Healthcare Interpreters (CCHI).

**The Certification Commission for Healthcare Interpreters (CCHI)** is a national non-profit organization that certifies spoken-language interpreters through a national, valid, credible, vendor neutral testing program. CCHI awards the credential of Certified Healthcare Interpreter (CHITM) to interpreters in a limited group of language pairs who pass both a written and oral exam. The languages being certified are English<>Spanish, English<>Arabic and English<>Mandarin. For all other languages you can obtain Core Certification. The credential of Core Certified Healthcare Interpreter (TM) is awarded to interpreters of other languages who pass a written test only. For more information, see CCHI's website. [https://cchicertification.org/](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcchicertification.org%2F&data=04%7C01%7C%7C4db0f5dc0d644271a61708d93a4fec9f%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637604937208983208%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=9NjkVOY8miOfhVMCMUd9K8jT%2B2S9tR4H9dgo5iK0Q94%3D&reserved=0)

**CHI – Cost = $485**

Application - $35

Written Exam - $175

Oral Exam - $275

**The National Board for Certification of Medical Interpreters (NBCMI)** is a national organization that certifies spoken-language interpreters. NBCMI awards the credential of Certified Medical Interpreter (CMI) to interpreters in a limited group of language pairs who pass both a written and oral exam. As of December 2011, the language pair being certified are English<>Spanish, English<>Russian, English<>Cantonese, English<>Mandarin, English<>Korean and English<>Vietnamese. For all other languages you can obtain HUB CMI. For more information, see NBCMI’s website.​​ [https://www.certifiedmedicalinterpreters.org/](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.certifiedmedicalinterpreters.org%2F&data=04%7C01%7C%7C4db0f5dc0d644271a61708d93a4fec9f%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637604937208993201%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Htq9yMJhvqcB43AssUD5KWan55hVMaTGuvSv2xZrLtE%3D&reserved=0)

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