



Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) Video Conference Workshops



November 12, 2011
March 24, 2012

January 14, 2012
April 14, 2012

The EIPA Diagnostic Center is excited to offer four video conference workshops for the 2011-2012 academic year. The workshops are designed for interpreters working in K-12 classroom settings, community interpreters with an interest in educational interpreting or supporting educational interpreters, future interpreters, K-12 interpreter mentors, deaf educators and individuals supervising or working with educational interpreters.

November 12, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. CST - “An Overview of Interpreting for Students with Cochlear Implants”
The recent innovations in cochlear implant technology have changed the role of the interpreter in the classroom. During this video conference we will share information that will assist us in beginning a nationwide discussion regarding “best practices” when working with students that have cochlear implants. We will explore the perspectives of interpreters, teachers, students and other professionals.

January 14, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. CST - “Sign-to-Voice Interpreting: Working With a Variety of Child Signers”
This video conference will cover techniques that are required to effectively interpret for a variety of child signers utilizing different sign modalities. We will discuss the skills necessary to deliver an effective interpretation that reflects the child’s content, register and communicative intent. We will view sign models across all ages in the K-12 setting.

March 24, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. CST - “Classroom Classifiers: What’s the Best Classifier to Represent a Concept?”
How many times does a concept come up in a lesson and you can’t come up with the right classifier to convey the proper concept? This video conference will cover classifiers used to convey a variety of concepts that one frequently encounters in K-12 science and geography/social studies classrooms. We will cover classifiers for all grade levels.

April 14, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. CST - “Preparing to take the EIPA Written Test”
This training will assist educational interpreters to prepare for the EIPA Written Test. The discussions will encompass a comprehensive overview of the information that is critical to the success of interpreters working in education settings.



Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is an approved RID CMP sponsor for continuing education activities. We are pursuing CEU approval for each video conference.



EIPA Video Conference Technical Requirements

Video Conference Costs:

This workshop series is being offered as a package or as individual workshops.

The cost is \$4000.00 for the series of four video conferences for up to five sites.

- Video conferences can be purchased individually for a cost of \$1000.00 each for up to five sites.
- Additional sites can be added for a fee of \$175.00 for each site.
- There are additional bridging fees of \$350 per port (per workshop).
- All bridging fees will be billed by Boys Town National Research Hospital following each workshop.
- Sets of the video conference on DVD may be purchased by video conference subscribers, for \$49.95 each plus \$10.00 shipping and handling.

Participating States/Location Requirements:

Each state will handle all of their own reservations at designated sites in their state. Each site MUST have a qualified/trained person on site during the video conference to do the following:

1. Turn on the video conferencing unit, TV/projector and have a person that can handle the connection with the video bridge
2. MUTE and UNMUTE the microphone, adjust the volume on the video conferencing unit
3. Switch cameras, if there is more than one camera in the room
4. Each site must have the capability of handling a min. 384k video conference call

Mandatory test call dates:

Each site MUST participate in a coordinated video bridging test call before each scheduled live broadcast. Sites that do not participate may not be allowed to participate on the day of the actual broadcast. Specifics in regards to this test run will be communicated via an email message from Roger Harpster of Boys Town National Research Hospital.

Mandatory test call dates are as follows:

- November 10, 2011 (1 p.m. CENTRAL TIME)
- January 12, 2012 (1 p.m. CENTRAL TIME)
- March 22, 2012 (1 p.m. CENTRAL TIME)
- April 12, 2012 (1 p.m. CENTRAL TIME)

Each participating state will receive:

- Handouts in electronic format for dissemination to participants

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