

# Court Reporting

## Program Description

A **court reporter** is an official witness to a legal proceeding who accurately relates what was said by all of the people present. The reporter is the neutral observer whose record of the event becomes the official record before the law of what was spoken at a deposition, hearing, trial or any other proceeding. **Captioners** are trained individuals who, as words are spoken, writes the proceedings and the text appears on a computer monitor, television, or projection screen. A **scopist** is one who edits a transcript translated by CAT (Computer-Aided Transcription) software into English.

Since 1975, Alvin Community College has been recognized in the court reporting industry for graduating highly trained professionals. The quality is so high that the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board recognized it as an Exemplary program. This explains why students testify to the personal attention and outstanding instruction found in the ACC Court Reporting program.

## Career Opportunities

Court reporting graduates have a variety of career options. From the courthouse to TV studios, court reporters, deposition reporters, and broadcast captioners are in demand! Embark on a career that's vital, exciting, and rewarding, with coast-to-coast opportunities at your fingertips.

Court reporters can work in the legal community, provide communications access for people with hearing loss, be an independent contractor, or own their own reporting firm. According to [www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org) the average salary for court reporters (including deposition reporters and broadcast captioners) in Texas is \$61,200 per year.



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## Options

### Associate of Applied Science Degree\*

Court Reporting ..... 72 credit hours  
(2 years)

\*The AAS degree is a two-year program. However, the courses are offered in a way to allow students to progress at their own rates. Accommodations are made for students to receive credit for work previously accomplished through the credit-by-exam procedure.

### Enhanced Skills Certificate\*\*

Captioning ..... 78 credit hours  
(2 years)

\*\*The Enhanced Skills Certificate prepares the student seeking the AAS degree in court reporting to also work in the captioning arena: off-line and on-line captioning and also realtime translation of meetings, seminars, and classroom instruction.

### Certificates

Court Reporting ..... 57 credit hours  
(2 years)

Court Reporting Scopist ..... 25 credit hours  
(1 year)

## Advantages of ACC

- Certified by the National Court Reporters Association.
- Recognized in the court reporting industry for graduating highly trained professionals.
- Small classes and personal attention.
- Dedicated faculty who care about your success.
- Affordable tuition and fees – Financial assistance available to those who qualify.

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