

Communication Access Real-time Translation (CART) Captionist

CLASS CONCEPT

CART Captionist

The Communication Access Real-time Translation (CART) Captionist provides a communication link between the hearing impaired or otherwise disabled student and the instructor by transmitting classroom lectures and/or other spoken materials in English into a concurrent display that has been put into a textual format. The captioning service is for the hearing impaired student's individual use and typically does include transcripts of the captioned transcription. The incumbent translates the transmission of what is being said in the student's immediate environment by using a stenography machine that connects to a laptop computer or a textual projection for the use of the student. The CART Captionist employs simultaneous delivery skills word-for-word between the instructor and the student to enable the hearing impaired student to participate in classroom discussions. The incumbent is available for captioning the student's appointments with faculty and may assist faculty and staff members in communicating with the hearing impaired student. The incumbent may be required to caption technical and scientific information, necessitating understanding of related words and phrases that require technical training for comprehension. As called upon, the CART Captionist may provide additional captioning, and may perform other related duties as assigned.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:

The CART Captionist position is distinguished from the Interpreter/Translator for the Deaf position (Title Code 6680) in that the CART Captionist utilizes specialized equipment to transcribe auditory input; the Interpreter for the Deaf uses sign language to translate the same information. The positions are also distinguished from one another in that they serve different student needs. The positions are similar in that both provide services to enable the student with a hearing impairment to participate in the educational process.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

CART Captionist

Graduation from high school or a General Education Diploma; comprehensive knowledge of English, proven proficiency in using captioning equipment; or an equivalent combination of education and experience and knowledge and abilities essential to the successful performance of the duties assigned to the position. Requirements for this position typically include proficiency with a dictionary of 26,000 entries and captioning speed up to 180 words per minute. Some positions may require certification by recognized CART Captionist associations and the provision and use of own captioning equipment and software.