

Certified Shorthand Reporter

Certified shorthand reporters transcribe passages from notes taken of dictated records or legal proceedings. These professionals perform a range of services—court reporting, freelance reporting, and real-time reporting such as closed captioning of live events.

Education

Option 1: High school diploma or equivalent
OR

Option 2: Technical study in shorthand reporting from a postsecondary school or private institution

Experience

as a full-time verbatim shorthand reporter

For education option 1: 5 years of experience required
OR

For education option 2: 3 years of experience required

Examination

Passing score on an examination satisfactory to the State Board for Certified Shorthand Reporting. Current exam information: Registered Professional Reporter examination

- ▶ Visit the [Office of the Professions](#) for a listing of all options and requirements.

Video



Salary and Projected Growth

- Median salary: \$51,320 in the U.S., \$96,660 in NY
- Salary range: \$54,500-\$106,900
- An estimated 5,500 court reporter jobs are available in the U.S., plus opportunities outside the court system

2013-2014 Court Reporting Industry Outlook Report; jobs and salaries may vary by region.

Where Could I Work?

- Court system
- Legal proceedings
- Sporting and other live events
- Television and movies

Your Interests and Abilities

- Grammar & punctuation
- Knowledge of medical, legal, and/or business terminology
- Technology

Professional Skills

- Independence
- Attention to detail
- Communication
- Stress tolerance
- Dependability

What Interests You?

Match your interests and personality to career options! Explore a free career tool at mynextmove.org/explore/ip

Tip: try searching for mentoring programs—talk to a certified shorthand reporter about what they do and how they got started!