

Careers in the Licensed Professions

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: Registered Professional Reporter examination

Salary and Projected Growth

- Median salary: \$109,064 in N.Y.
- Salary range: \$79,234 – 126,026
- An estimated 2,000 court reporter job openings are projected each year.

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
- Ability to operate a stenotype

Professional Skills

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

