

## Why Alvin Community College?

The ACC Court Reporting program is a National Court Reporters Association Certified Training Program and is the only court reporting program in the State of Texas to have received an exemplary status by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The website, Education Portal, named Alvin Community College the top court reporting program in the Houston area.

Court reporters from across the U.S. have been trained at ACC. Since ACC is a community college, the fees and tuition are extremely reasonable as compared to other Court Reporting programs. The high quality of training and affordable tuition make ACC the best value in court reporting education.



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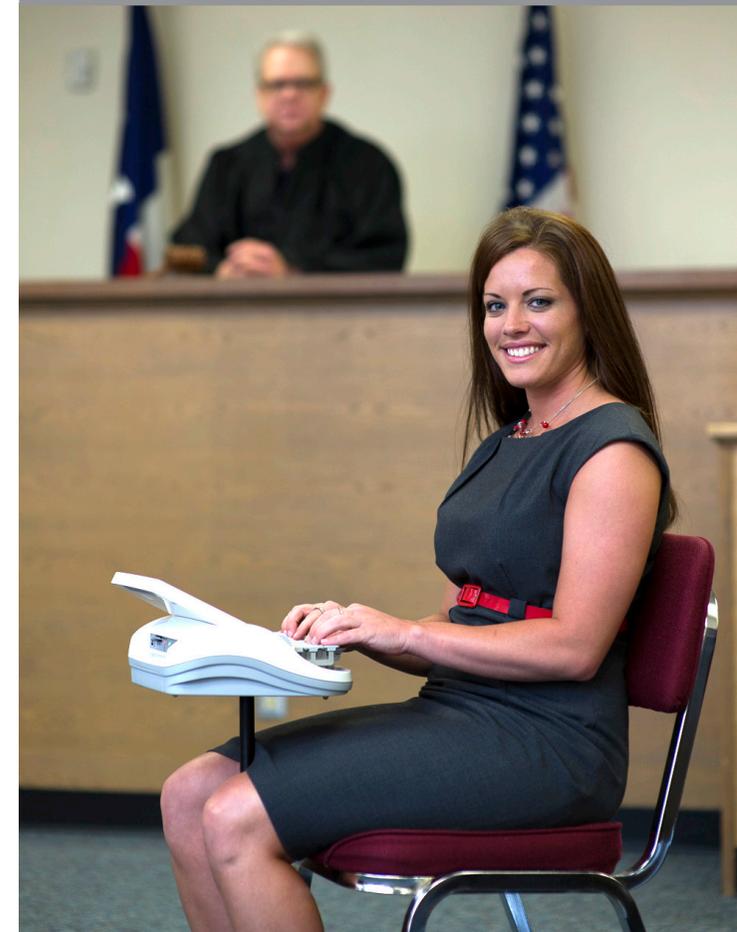
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# Court Reporting

*An Exciting, Rewarding,  
High-Tech Profession*



## ***What is a Court Reporter?***

The role of reporters continues to evolve from serving as information managers in complicated trials, to capturing depositions and business proceedings in digital format, to assisting millions of deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals.

Court reporters are experts at gathering information and preserving it in formats that are quickly accessible and readily usable. They capture the spoken word and convert it into text that can be read, searched and studied. Court reporters are also leaders in the field of technology and were computerized long before most of the court systems and attorneys they serve.

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## ***What are the Characteristics of a Good Court Reporter?***

Leading court reporting educators say prospective students should be intelligent, disciplined, motivated, able to work well under pressure, able to concentrate for long periods of time and possess above average language skills.

Students should be interested in utilizing the computer technology employed by court reporters to provide transcripts of legal proceedings and realtime translation during depositions, in the courtroom, and captioning and CART services.



## ***What Career Options are Available?***

Court reporters will continue to work within the legal community and advance in their role as information processors and managers in the business and multimedia communities. This career allows individuals to be their own boss, as many court reporters work as independent contractors or own their own agencies. Other career options include, but are not limited to:

- Captioning
- Cyber-Conferencing
- Scopist
- Medical/Legal Transcriptionist

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## ***What are the Expected Job Opportunities?***

Court reporters may work in the courtroom to provide transcripts of trial proceedings or they may produce depositions for attorneys or they may work with the hearing-impaired community by providing captioning and CART services. There is an increasing demand for court reporters, and U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that the employment of court reporters is expected to grow by 14 percent from 2010 to 2020. A survey by the National Court Reporters Association found that full-time salaries are solidly above the U. S. median, averaging over \$60,000 per year.

## ***What Type of Program does Alvin Community College (ACC) Offer?***

The 60-hour (six- semester) Associate in Applied Science (AAS) curriculum in court reporting prepares students for entry level positions in court reporting and captioning. Students may also choose to earn a 45-hour (six- semester) certificate in court reporting or a 20-hour (three- semester) certificate in scoping. The Court Reporting curricula include the following topics:

- Computer Technology
- Legal Terminology
- Captioning
- Realtime Reporting
- Medical Terminology
- Grammar and Punctuation

