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Semester Effective:

Court Reporting (CTRP) 1143 140 WPM Machine Shorthand Speed Building 4-Voice (5 Units)
[Formerly CTRP 1043]

Prerequisite: Qualification by assessment process or successful completion of Court Reporting 1152 and 1162

Prerequisite knowledge/skills:

Before entering the course, the student should be able to:

1. Listen and write dictated 2-Voice at varying speeds,
2. Attain speed and accuracy on stenotype machine at higher speeds with increasingly complex 2-Voice material,
3. Transcribe dictated jury charge, literary and 2-Voice material at 140 wpm with 97.5 percent accuracy,
4. Use material learned in academics to improve quality of transcripts and work product on and off the stenotype machine,
5. Operate a stenotype machine and work to master keyboard,
6. Demonstrate effective listening technique in order to transcribe from steno notes verbatim dictation,
7. Demonstrate ear-finger coordination in taking dictation as well as in transcription,
8. Recognize appropriate words when transcribing from dictated material (i.e. Effect/affect or doe/dough); use of conflict-free theory methods,
9. Provide correct punctuation in dictated and transcribed material,
10. Read steno notes out loud at rapid rate of speed,
11. Proofread using proofreader marks,
12. Effectively use a dictionary, spell check software, stenographic-computer dictionary and other resources to produce verbatim and usable transcripts,
13. Improve ability to meet deadlines with transcribed work product, and
14. Develop concentration skills.

Advisory: Eligibility for English 1000 and Reading 1005 strongly recommended

Hours and Unit Calculations:

256 lab hours. (256 Total Student Learning Hours) 5 Units

Catalog Description: This course promotes the development of speed and accuracy in taking dictation on a stenotype machine. It reviews basic theory and develops sufficient skills to write 4-Voice material on a stenotype machine at 140 words per minute (wpm) for a minimum of ten-minutes with 97.5% accuracy. Includes English usage, punctuation, spelling/word usage, and proper transcription and document formatting. This course meets the requirements of the California Court Reporting Board.

Type of Class/Course: Degree Credit



Text: Merriam-Webster Dictionary (latest edition)

Additional Materials: Stenography machine and stenograph paper

Course Objectives:

By the end of the course, a successful student will be able to:

1. Listen and write 4-Voice at varying speeds,
2. Attain speed and accuracy on stenotype machine at higher speeds with increasingly complex 4-Voice material,
3. Pass one ten-minute 4-Voice dictation test at 140 wpm with a pass rate of 97.5%,
4. Use material learned in academics to improve quality of 4-Voice transcripts and work product on and off the stenotype machine,
5. Operate a stenotype machine and work to master keyboard,
6. Demonstrate effective listening technique in order to transcribe from steno notes verbatim dictation,
7. Demonstrate ear-finger coordination in taking dictation as well as in transcription,
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Course Scope and Content (laboratory):

- Unit I Speed Building Techniques
- A. Daily observations
 - B. Dictation at 140 wpm of various complex 4-Voice material
 - C. Theory techniques through timed dictation tests
 - D. Theory techniques through word usage and spelling tests
 - E. Concentration and listening skills: timed dictation and Multi-voice tests
 - F. Read back steno notes
 - G. Complex material from legal opinion, literary, medical and multi-voice
- Unit II Dictation/Transcription Outcome
- A. Daily observations
 - B. Personal dictionary
 - C. Identify homonyms, numbers, possessives and symbols
 - D. Writing “briefs”, (steno shorthand abbreviations)
 - E. Read and transcribe steno notes
 - F. Transcribe, edit and proofread timed dictation documents
- Unit III Skills development
- A. Build speed and continue to master writing dictated material
 - B. Practice material from various media sources
 - C. Lab practice material (CD’s, DVD’s, tapes, etc) to improve speed

Learning Activities Required Outside of Class:

The students in this class will be given the opportunity to practice with school-approved speed-building material a minimum of 1 hour per day outside of the regular class time in addition to the following:

1. Read material to improve vocabulary, spelling, and word usage,
2. Required non-tested transcription,
3. Court observation, and
4. Dictionary building.

Methods of Instruction:

1. Direction and instruction
2. Specialized software
3. Live dictation
4. Spelling and word usage
5. Required non-tested transcription
6. Court observations
7. Dictionary building

Methods of Evaluation:

1. Direct evaluation of transcribed documents with student meeting the requirements in formatting, punctuation, word usage and spelling,
2. Weekly vocabulary tests that include, but are not limited to, spelling and word usage,
3. Live dictation from qualified staff readers,
4. Speed building tapes in lab environment and to be used as homework as needed, and
5. Timed dictation tests on new 4-voice material at 140 wpm with a pass rate of 97.5% in order to advance to next level.

Supplemental Data:

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| TOP Code: | 051430: Court Reporting |
| SAM Priority Code: | C: Clearly Occupational |
| Distance Education: | Not Applicable |
| Funding Agency: | Y: Not Applicable(funds not used) |
| Program Status: | 2: Stand-alone |
| Noncredit Category: | Y: Not Applicable, Credit Course |
| Special Class Status: | N: Course is not a special class |

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| Basic Skills Status: | N: Course is not a basic skills course |
| Prior to College Level: | Y: Not applicable |
| Cooperative Work Experience: | N: Is not part of a cooperative work experience education program |
| Eligible for Credit by Exam: | NO |
| Eligible for Pass/No Pass: | C: Pass/No Pass |
| Taft College General Education: | NONE |
| Discipline: | Court Reporting |