American Translators Association

**ATA Certification Exam**
All candidates for the [ATA Certification Exam](#) must meet the education and experience prerequisites prior to registering for the exam. Successful completion of either the Specialized Certificate in Translation or the Professional Certificate in Translation and Interpretation at UC San Diego Extension meets the education prerequisite required for exam registration.

**ATA Continuing Education Credits**
All translation courses at UC San Diego Extension have been approved by the American Translators Association for [ATA Continuing Education](#) points.

ATA-certified translators must earn 20 points of continuing education credit over each three year period to keep their certification current. One point is awarded per hour of classroom instruction. For more information on ATA Continuing Education points:

- [Guide to ATA Continuing Education Points](#)
- [Approval Request Form for submitting ATA Continuing Education Points](#)
- [Required ethics workshop at the ATA Annual Conference or self-directed course](#)

National Medical Interpreter Certification

The Professional Certificate in Translation and Interpretation at UC San Diego Extension is a [registered medical interpreter educational program](#) with the [National Board of Certification for Medical Interpreters](#). Successful completion of the program meets their [Medical Interpreter Education](#) certification prerequisite.

California Board of Registered Nursing

The following translation and interpretation courses at UC San Diego Extension are approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing for 30 relicensure credit hours:

- [Medical Translation: Internal Medicine](#)
- [Medical Translation: Specialty Areas](#)
- [Medical Interpretation](#)

Judicial Council of California

The following translation and interpretation courses at UC San Diego Extension are approved by the Judicial Council Court Interpreters Advisory Panel for 30 hours of instructor-led Court Interpreter Minimum Continuing Education (CIMCE) credit:

- [Consecutive Interpretation (on-campus section)](#)
- [Simultaneous Interpretation (on-campus section)](#)
- [Introduction to Court Interpretation](#)
- [Legal Interpretation in Criminal Proceedings](#)
- [Business Translation](#)
- [Medical Translation: Internal Medicine](#)
- [Medical Translation: Specialty Areas](#)

As stated by the Judicial Council of California, the purpose of continuing education is to ensure that certified court interpreters maintain and improve their interpreting skills and expand their vocabulary in forensic, scientific, drug, slang, and legal terminology.

All certified and registered interpreters must complete 30 hours of approved continuing education every two years. For more information on Court Interpreter Minimum Continuing Education Credit:

- [Continuing Education Compliance Requirements](#)

Have More Questions?

Please take a look at the [certificate page](#) for additional information, or feel free to [contact us](#) with specific questions about the program.