

Welcome to the **New Hampshire Interpreter Classification System Deaf Interpreter-Provisional (NHICS DI-P).**

New Hampshire Interpreting and Deaf Communities are in crisis due to a severe lack of available Deaf interpreters. In an effort to assist in this crisis, NH Vocational Rehabilitation is implementing a Deaf Interpreter-Provisional (DI-P) credential, under the auspices of the NHICS. There will be two levels: Basic and Advanced. Each level has its own requirements and limitations.

When candidates receive either their DI-P-Basic or DI-P Advanced they will be eligible for New Hampshire Licensure.

These provisional credentials will act as a stopgap measure until a NH screening is established and there is a sufficient number of Deaf Interpreters to serve the NH Deaf Community. The need for the DI-P will be reevaluated every two years.

Candidates for the DI-P Basic:

Must be at least 18 years old and be required to submit the following documents:

- Submit letters of reference from two (2) NH Licensed interpreters indicating the candidate's ability to be a Deaf Interpreter working in a team and the licensed interpreter's willingness to work with the candidate.
- Submit letters of reference from two (2) members of the Deaf community indicating the candidate's ability to be a Deaf Interpreter and to their standing within the Deaf community;
- Will provide evidence of 8 hours of training, at least half of which need to be in the Code of Professional Conduct (NHRID can provide)
- Limited to work 100 contact hours per year or less
- Will only take assignments referred through a NH interpreter referral service
- Will only work in conjunction with a NH Licensed Interpreter
- Will not work in legal settings.
- Must earn 5 hours of interpreting-related CEUs each year.

Candidates for the DI-P Advanced:

Must be at least 18 years old and be required to submit the following documents:

- Submit letters of reference from two NH Licensed interpreters indicating the candidate's ability to be a Deaf Interpreter working in a team and the licensed interpreter's willingness to work with the candidate.
- Submit letters of reference from two members of the Deaf community indicating the candidate's ability to be a Deaf Interpreter and to their standing within the Deaf community;
- Will provide evidence of 150 hours of Interpreter Training, with a minimum of 40 hours of training focused on Deaf Interpreter Training (Through Interpreter Training Program or Road to Deaf Interpreting)
- No limit on number of hours worked per year
- Will only work in conjunction with a NH Licensed Interpreter
- Will not work in legal settings.
- Must earn 20 hours of interpreting-related CEUs each year.

The application packet will include:

- Application to be filled out by candidate
- A copy of the RID/NAD Code of Professional Conduct
- Four (4) reference forms
- DI-P Information packet

The NHICS-DI-P will be valid for a period of 2 years.

To request a packet and start the DI-P process, please contact Lynn Littlefield at lynn.e.littlefield@doe.nh.gov or call at 603-271-3877.