ETHICS & SKILL BUILDING WORKSHOP
Candidates must become a registered interpreter within 3 years of attending the workshop or they must begin the process anew by attending the workshop again.

WRITTEN EXAM
The written exam is offered several times per year. Must pass with a score of 80% or higher

DO NOT PASS WRITTEN EXAM
Candidate must wait 6 months before re-taking

PASS WRITTEN EXAM
Candidate is sent registration materials for the Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI).

OPI
Candidate must pass with a score of "Superior." The OPI is offered twice per month in Jackson, Knoxville, Chattanooga and Nashville.

PASS OPI
Candidate is sent information regarding criminal background check, interpreter oath, and citizenship form.

DO NOT PASS OPI
Candidate must retake OPI until receiving a passing score of 12 or Superior.

REGISTERED DESIGNATION
The candidate has completed the workshop and passed written exam, OPI, and criminal background check as well as submitting interpreter oath and citizenship form. Candidate is eligible to sit for 3-part oral examination and now earns continuing education credit towards 3-year renewal period. An interpreter must earn 18 credits, 12 of which must consist of foreign language/interpreting skills credit.

ORAL EXAM
Spanish exam offered 3 times per year. Languages other than Spanish offered 2 times per year. Registered interpreters must take oral exam at least once per year from the date they became registered to retain "registered" status. Must score 70% or higher on each section to pass.

DO NOT PASS ORAL EXAM
Interpreter must re-take each section did not pass with 70% or higher until the 3-year renewal period ends. At this point, the interpreter must have a 70% on at least one section and have earned 60% or higher on the remaining sections to retain "registered" status into the second 3-year renewal period. If the interpreter does not meet this standard, they must seek written permission from the AOC to begin the credentialing process anew.

PASS ORAL EXAM

CERTIFIED DESIGNATION
The certified interpreter has completed and passed all components to be designated as "certified." Interpreter continues to earn continuing education credit(s) towards 3-year renewal period.