



## Behavioral Health Interpreter Academy

### How Do I Learn More?

For more information and to register for the Academy contact:

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“Try to be a rainbow in  
someone’s cloud”  
“Trate de ser un arco iris en la  
nube de otra persona.”  
-Maya Angelou



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**Are you fluent in English and  
Spanish?**

**Do you want to learn about  
interpreting in behavioral  
health settings?**

**Do you want to be a better  
interpreter?**

**Learn more about the  
Behavioral Health Interpreter  
Academy!**

### What is the Academy?

The Behavioral Health Interpreter Academy is a unique training program for those who are fluent (oral and written) in Spanish who want to develop and improve their interpretation skills, particularly in behavioral health settings. The Academy is a 6-week blended learning program that includes three 8-hour Saturday in person classroom sessions, five 2-hour Wednesday evening online sessions, and weekly self-directed activities.

### Who should attend?

Bilingual individuals working in behavioral health settings, who may be providing interpretation services, but need additional skills to ensure they provide the best possible service.

### What will I learn?

The Interpreter Academy will increase your effectiveness as an interpreter with hands on training in:

- the role of the interpreter
- interpreter ethics
- basics of behavioral health diagnosis, assessment, and treatment
- behavioral health specific vocabulary

There will be multiple opportunities to strengthen your interpretation skills through role play and real-life scenarios.



**“I was never told what was right and wrong when interpreting. This course teaches you the right way and the wrong way.”**

### What is the time commitment?

You must be able to attend all in person and online sessions to complete the course, as well as complete self-directed homework and activities. Participants will need to commit a minimum of 50-60 hours to this course, including approximately 3 hours each week outside of class time.

In-Person Classes will be at the Arizona Council of Human Service Providers Conference Room: 2100 N Central Ave Ste. Phoenix, 85004

## Phoenix

March 24 from 9AM-5PM, in person

March 28 from 6-8PM, on line

April 4 from 6-8PM, on line

April 7 from 9AM-5PM, in person

April 11 from 6-8PM, on line

April 18 from 6-8PM, on line

April 25 from 6-8PM, on line

April 28 from 9AM-5PM, in person

April 29, post assessment



### What will I need to participate?

You will need a laptop or desktop with webcam and microphone, internet access, and time to attend the in-person and online Academy sessions, as well as complete the self-directed activities, quizzes and online discussions.

To enroll, each participant must pass a pre-assessment for bilingual fluency in Spanish and English, both oral (over the phone) and written (via email). Each participant also completes an in-person post-assessment on the last class date to test their mastery of the course and their interpretation skills.

### What will it cost?

The cost is \$500 per participant for Arizona Council member organizations. The cost for non-member organizations is \$900 per participant. There is a group discount of \$50 per participant with 3 or more participants from the same agency.

If you have at least 10 participants, we will conduct the in person days at your location!

**Register TODAY!**

**Julia Drake**

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**“It is so important that you send people to this course, especially those being pulled in to do interpreting.”**

