

National Standards for Training Programs
An update from the NCIHC Standards, Training and Certification Committee
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Since I last reported about the National Standards for Training Programs in the Council's November newsletter, the STC committee made great headway in enjoying a wonderful yearend holiday. Happy New Year to everyone!

And, of course, the National Standards for Training Programs progressed as well.

The process of gathering background information is nearing its close. The Roussos-Mendenhall report on what and how training programs are teaching healthcare interpreters around the country, as well as background on adult education, the establishment of educational standards, and interpreter tasks, will be completed this month after an arduous quest for input from current training programs.

The CCHI's interpreter job/task analysis is past the halfway mark. Once it is completed, our committee will be expanding on this work by structured observation of working interpreters.

The Committee is also close to extending invitations to a select group of national experts to serve on the Advisory Committee that will actually help draft the standards. The number of committee members will depend a bit on our budget for the three-day meeting at which we will do this drafting. At the moment, then, STC is working to secure funding for meeting so that we can extend out invitations.

As the work continues, updates and opportunities to participate are being posted to the NCIHC website at <http://www.ncihc.org/mc/page.do?sitePageId=98592&orgId=ncihc>. We'll keep in touch!