

## **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

The Court Reporting Associate in Occupational Studies degree is designed to prepare the graduate to pursue entry-level positions in the field as a free-lance, agency, real-time, or court employed shorthand reporter. Reporters are experts at gathering information and preserving it in formats that are quickly accessible and can be read, searched and studied. The job of the court reporter actually consists of two jobs. There is the part most law-related professionals are familiar with, which consists of taking down what people say in a legal setting. The other part of the job is hidden. It's the part that begins when the attorney says to the reporter "send me a copy of the transcript". The reporter is required to convert the steno notes into text, edit the notes, and print a perfectly accurate record of the proceedings.

There were about 18,780 court reporters in the United States in 2009, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. These workers earned an average of \$52,460 a year. However, court reporters in New York State earned an average of \$80,920 which is significantly higher than the national average. The Bureau also reported that court reporters in the New York City metropolitan area had the highest average by city, making an average of \$82,340 a year. Reporters in the third-highest paying area, Nassau County, average \$73,050 a year.

### **The Court Reporting Associate degree program in detail:**

The program is designed to prepare one for potential employment in – (Cip Code # 23-2091)—Court Reporter occupation. The small classes give the individual student maximum attention from the faculty of seasoned veterans who possess years of teaching experience and years of work experience in the court reporting field. 30% of the graduating class completed the program in the normal time, 45% of the graduating class completed the program within twenty-seven months and 60% of the graduating class completed the program within thirty months. (The amount of time for a student to complete the program can be affected by course failure, full-time/part-time status, or electing to take a leave of absence.) The per credit cost is \$260; the total tuition cost for the 90 credit program is \$23,400. The college fees are \$120 per quarter (total \$960) and administrative fees are \$115 per quarter (total \$920). Estimated books charges are \$750. The student is responsible for furnishing a new or used court reporting machine; a new machine has an approximate cost of \$2,000, while used machines can be purchased for much less. The median student loan indebtedness for the graduating class is \$7,862 for the Federal Stafford Student Loan (subsidized and unsubsidized loans) and zero for third-party private education loans. Business Informatics Center does not offer on-campus housing. The job placement rate as reported to our accrediting agency is 95%. The transfer of credits earned at Business Informatics Center to another school is always at the discretion of the receiving institution. Since credits earned at Business Informatics Center are directed to specific careers it is not likely that such credits will be transferable except to an identical program.