

Project Steno Announces that Two Court Reporting Programs Have Earned Partner Program Status

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Mark Kislingbury Academy of Court Reporting and Tulsa Community College become the ninth and tenth Partner Programs

Mark Kislingbury earned status as the fastest court reporter in the business by setting a Guinness World Record. The achievement required Kislingbury to capture and convert speech to text that was dictated at a blistering 360 words a minute. Kislingbury credits his world-record speed to the use of short strokes and high-speed practice, an approach he then brought to court reporting education with the advent of the Mark Kislingbury Academy of Court Reporting.

Project Steno is pleased to announce that the [Mark Kislingbury Academy of Court Reporting](#) along with the court reporting program at [Tulsa Community College](#), which utilizes Kislingbury's approach and stenographic theory, have become its ninth and tenth Partner Programs. Partner Programs agree to abide by performance metrics set forth by Project Steno, the purpose of which is to graduate students 24 months after enrollment. To achieve that goal, a Partner Program must:

- Adhere to a curriculum designed to graduate students in two years;
- Incorporate a speed-building and online practice regimen that utilizes Realtime Coach;
- Permit regular monitoring of Project Steno students by means of built-in Realtime Coach analytics;
- Confirm student progress to Project Steno on a regular basis, to ensure that students are achieving performance milestones and not falling behind.

"With their intense focus on speed-building and their commitment to graduating court reporters in an expedited fashion, we are pleased to welcome Tulsa Community College's court reporting program and the Mark Kislingbury Academy of Court Reporting to our roster of Partner Programs," said Project Steno Executive Director Nancy Varallo.

The Mark Kislingbury Academy of Court Reporting is based in Houston, TX, but trains and educates the majority of its students remotely via the Internet. "We're thrilled to be recognized as a Project Steno Partner Program," said Kislingbury. "At our academy, we use intense training and focus on students who will work hard and are willing to do what is necessary to emerge quickly from our program and go on to a successful career in court reporting. Our program is a natural fit with Project Steno because we share the philosophy that when you put the right students in the right environment, you position them for success."

The court reporting program at Tulsa Community College (TCC) is an 18-month certificate program that relies upon Kislingbury's theory and curriculum. The program is a part-time program with scheduled classes offered three evenings a week on-site at either the TCC Metro Campus and the TCC Northeast Campus in Tulsa, OK. "Court reporting education requires a

deep commitment, but not every candidate has a schedule that allows them to be full-time students,” said Allison Hall, an instructor at the TCC program. “We structure our program so that students can attend on a part-time basis, and we’re honored to be recognized as a Partner Program.”

Project Steno offers tuition assistance (not a scholarship) to students who attend a Partner Program, with funds being paid directly to the student’s school, not the student, on an ongoing basis. To be eligible for tuition assistance, prospective students first must complete NCRA’s A-to-Z Program available online or locally throughout the United States.

About Project Steno

Project Steno is a registered 501(c)3 charitable organization and operates entirely on a not-for-profit basis. In January 2018 Project Steno launched its program of tuition assistance and placed its first students in court reporting school. To date, Project Steno has received almost \$300,000 in pledges and contributions from the court reporting community! With the manifest enthusiasm of court reporters everywhere, Project Steno continues to raise funds to promote widespread awareness of our unique profession and create a robust pipeline of students into court reporting schools and graduates into the field. Learn more at www.ProjectSteno.org.