

## **Mock Certification Testing To Be Offered to Court Reporting Students by Baton Rouge School of Court Reporting**

*Baton Rouge School of Court Reporting will offer a Mock Certification Test on Thursday, November 1, 2012, for students preparing for court reporting certification testing.*

Baton Rouge, LA ([PRWEB](#)) October 31, 2012 -- [Baton Rouge School of Court Reporting \(BRSCR\)](#) will offer a Mock Certification Test on Thursday, November 1, 2012, to candidates preparing to take the national certification test in November.

To practice as a court reporter in Louisiana, as in many other states, successful completion of a certification test is required. BRSCR students spend months preparing for state and/or national testing to achieve certification. A mock test helps students prepare by offering setting that simulates certification test conditions prior to the actual test dates. "Many things lead to stress on the actual test day," says Karen Vornkahl, director of BRSCR. "Fear of the unknown is one stressor that we can combat."

To simulate a real test, BRSCR publishes the date, time, and location of the mock test to all appropriate candidates a few weeks ahead of time. Students are instructed what to bring and what the rules will be. While the test candidates for the mock test are usually well known to the test administrators, on Mock Test day, students still must show photo ID and are treated cordially as strangers. "I tell them 'we don't know you' when Mock Test day rolls around," said Vornkahl. This sets the tone for the real test conditions.

Students must set up their steno writer machines or voice writing equipment in a designated location, including bringing their own computers, printers, extension cords, and other cables and peripherals. Students are instructed they may not talk to nor assist one another once they enter the testing area.

Rules are read, and the tests are played. A typical test will be a five-minute dictation at 180 words per minute of Literary material, five minutes at 200 words per minute of Jury Charge material, and five minutes at 225 words per minute of Testimony (Q&A). Once the tests are fully administered, the candidates have up to four hours to edit, print, and submit their finished transcripts.

"At the Mock Test, we always uncover some testing issues," says Vornkahl, "things like printing problems, forgotten equipment, or unfamiliarity with the rules." Students are always happy the issues came up during the Mock Test so they can be addressed at that time rather than having them occur at actual certification testing.

The mock tests are graded, and the students receive feedback on everything from their execution of the test protocol to actual grades on their submitted transcripts. "We find holding a Mock Test that simulates a real test setting is a big benefit to our court reporting students," said Vornkahl. "Students who participate in our Mock Test typically perform well at actual certification testing."

Baton Rouge School of Court Reporting is located at 13003 Justice Avenue in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. It offers instruction in machine and voice court reporting, scoping, and classroom and broadcast captioning. All instruction is available online in addition to machine classes offered onsite. In addition, its sister campus, Professional Institute of Court Reporting, offers onsite machine court reporting in the greater New Orleans area.

For more information, visit [www.brscr.com](http://www.brscr.com) and [www.pi-cr.com](http://www.pi-cr.com)



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