

**BATON ROUGE SCHOOL OF COURT REPORTING
HARDWARE - SOFTWARE - TEXTBOOK
REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
VOICE WRITING PROGRAM**

I. COMPUTER REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Specifications	
1) <u>CPU</u> : Intel i7 processor (or higher)	
2) CPU Level 2 (onboard) Cache : 2MB or higher Minimum : 2.2 GHz Intel dual core or equivalent AMD processor	
3) <u>Supported Operating Systems</u> :	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Windows 10 <u>Professional</u> with 64 bit• PCs only; <i>no Macs</i>.
4) <u>RAM</u> : 16 GB (or more) for Windows	
5) <u>Hard Drive Type</u> : Solid State (SSD)	
6) <u>CD-WR + DVD</u> : <u>Optional</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If installing Dragon Naturally Speaking by disk
7) Microsoft® Internet Explorer 10 or higher	

The BRSCR technology director can assist in evaluating your current computer and can make recommendations. The computer is an important element of the speech recognition process.

II. STENOMASK RECOMMENDATION

STENOMASK:

From Amazon, search for Stenomask SR Pro-2 and Andrea Pure Audio USB adapter:

STENO SR PRO-2 from Talk Technologies

\$284.00



Steno SR Pro-2. Dual Microphone Stenomask for Court Reporting and captioning.

by Steno SR, TalkTech, Talk Technologies

★★★★☆ 7 ratings | 15 answered questions

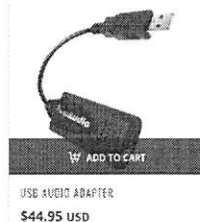
List Price: ~~\$289.00~~

Business Price ~ \$284.00 ✓prime & FREE Returns ✓

You Save: \$5.00 (1%)

USB ADAPTER: Andrea Pure Audio USB adapter

~ \$40.00



USB AUDIO ADAPTER
\$44.95 USD

Also available directly from **Talk Technologies** (talktech.com).
A student discount may be available if you call.

Order online: www.talktech.com (shop)
Phone: 1-888-811-9944 (toll free)
email: info@talktech.com

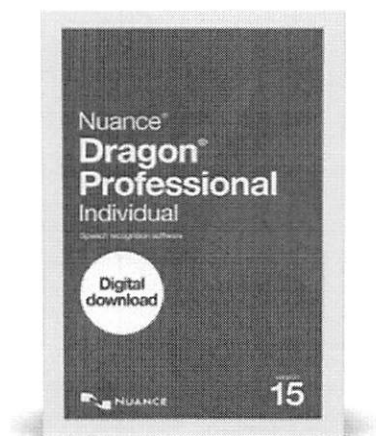
III. SPEECH RECOGNITION SOFTWARE REQUIREMENT

DRAGON NATURALLY SPEAKING

Acceptable version:

- ☐ Dragon Professional Individual 15 (DPI 15)
- ☐ Do not buy a Home, Standard or Student/Academic version
- ☐ Available from Nuance.com, TigerDirect.com, Amazon.com, KnownBrainer.com and other vendors.

From **Amazon.com**: (Price may vary)



Dragon Professional
Individual 15.0 Speech
Dictation and Voice
Recognition Software [PC
Download]

Brand: Nuance Dragon

Platform : Windows Server 2008, Windows 8.1,
Windows 10, Windows 7, Windows 2012 Server

★★★★☆ ~ 191 ratings

Price: \$499.99

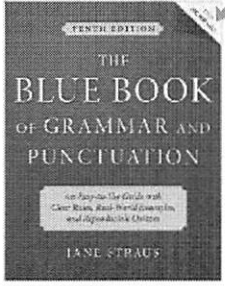
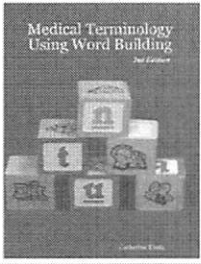

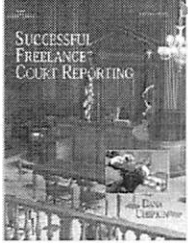
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Business Prime American Express Card. Terms apply.

Note: You can access this item in Your Software Library.
The number of computers eligible for installation may
vary.

IV. ECLIPSE VOX SOFTWARE REQUIREMENT

- ☐ We will help you install the student version of **Total Eclipse Vox software**, the court reporting software necessary to produce mock transcripts.
- ☐ A separate user agreement and usage fee of \$100 must be submitted to Advantage Software, the vendor for Eclipse Vox software, for use of their student software while in school.

V. ACADEMIC TEXTBOOK REQUIREMENTS

<p><u>ENGLISH I COURSE</u></p> 	<p><u>The Blue Book of Grammar and Punctuation: An Easy-to-Use Guide with Clear Rules, Real-World Examples, and Reproducible Quizzes,</u> 10th edition, Straus, Jane, Paperback, 2007, ISBN-10: 0470222689 ISBN-13: 978-0470222683</p> <p><i>Available used through BRSCR</i></p>
<p><u>MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY COURSE</u></p> 	<p><u>Medical Terminology Using Word Building,</u> 2nd Edition, Kurtz, Catherine, 2004, Paperback, ISBN 1-4116-1439-9.</p> <p><i>Available new through BRSCR and from http://www.lulu.com.</i></p>
<p><u>LEGAL TERMINOLOGY COURSE</u></p> 	<p><u>Legal Studies: Terminology & Transcription,</u> 5E, Roderick-Bolton, Wanda, 2004, Paperback, ISBN 0-538-43722-7.</p> <p><i>Available used through BRSCR.</i></p>
<p><u>COURT REPORTING PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS</u></p> 	<p><u>Successful Freelance Court Reporting,</u> Chopkin, Dana, 2001, Paperback, ISBN 0-7668-1746-6.</p> <p><i>PDF available through BRSCR.</i></p>


Academic texts may be purchased on an as-needed timetable prior to the start of each course. Used books are permissible and encouraged to keep costs down. **The remaining courses do not have required textbooks.**

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NEEDED FOR CERTIFICATION
TESTING AND ARE HELPFUL FOR EVERYDAY USE**

VI. FOOT PEDAL AND TRANSCRIPTION SOFTWARE

You will want/need a computer-compatible foot pedal and transcription software for certification testing and everyday ease of transcript editing. You may find a foot pedal useful while a student as well.

From Amazon.com:



ALTOEDGE

Express Scribe Pro Transcription Software with USB Foot Pedal
by Express Scribe

\$84.95
FREE Shipping on eligible orders

More Buying Choices
\$84.95 (2 new offers)

★★★★★ 91

Product Features
... video playback (DSS,
WMA, AIFF, MP2, VOX ..

VII. HEADPHONES

You will need/want quality headphones for certification testing and for everyday reporting and transcription use. While any headphones or ear buds will suffice, buy the best headphones you can afford.

**BATON ROUGE SCHOOL OF COURT REPORTING
VOICE PROGRAM
SUMMARY OF TUITION, EQUIPMENT, AND BOOKS**

To begin the program:

Tuition/Enrollment (payable to BRSCR)

1. Registration fee	\$ 125	
2. Tuition (full payment to begin)	4800	
Total Tuition/Enrollment:		\$4925

Textbooks (used/payable to BRSCR)

1. English I	\$ 15	
2. Medical	35	
3. Legal Terminology	45	
4. Practical Applications	10	
+Shipping	<u>20</u>	
Approximate cost of textbooks:		125

Needed once skills training begins:

Equipment: Hardware and Software (excluding laptop computer)

1. Stenomask SR Pro-2 and Pure Audio USB adapter	360	
2. Dragon Naturally Speaking Software 15.6	500	
3. Foot pedal and transcription software	100	
4. Eclipse Vox student software license	100	
Approximate cost of hardware and software:		<u>1060</u>

TOTAL: TUITION, EQUIPMENT, BOOKS	\$6110
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NEW COMPUTER, IF NEEDED TO MEET MINIMUM COMPUTER SPECIFICATIONS:

1. Laptop computer as recommended (Dell Latitude, new)	<u>~1750</u>
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TOTAL: TUITION, EQUIPMENT, BOOKS, AND COMPUTER	\$7860
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HOW TO EVALUATE YOUR COMPUTER FOR SUITABILITY FOR VOICEWRITING

We need to determine three things to see if your computer can run Dragon software effectively:

1. Do you have an **i7 processor**?
2. Do you have at least **16 GB of RAM**?
3. Do you have a **solid state drive (SSD)**?

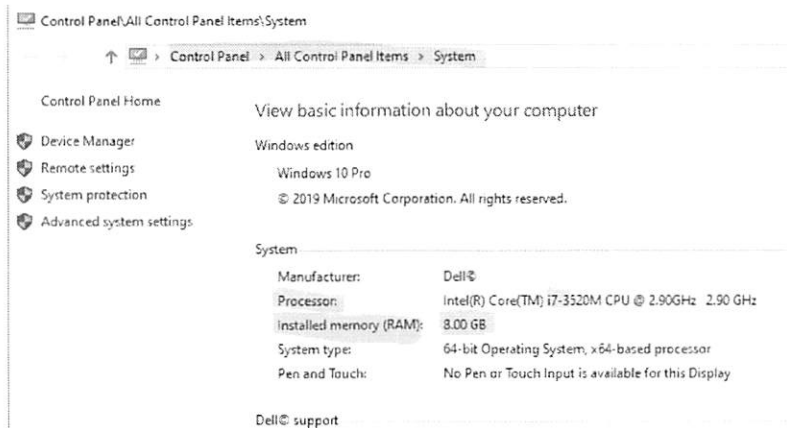
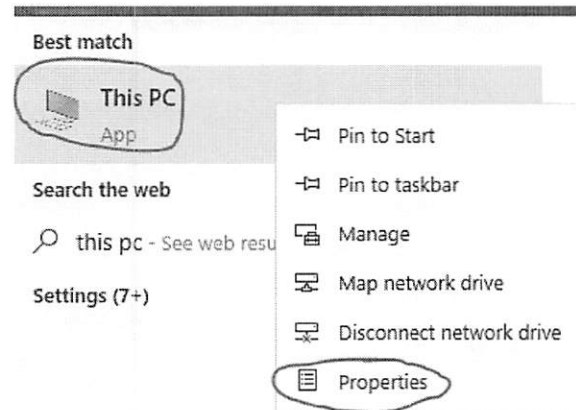
To determine the processor and RAM:

1. **RIGHT** click on your Desktop icon for **Computer** (or **This PC** or **This Computer**, whatever it is called).

2. **LEFT** click on **Properties**.

This will take you to your computer's Control Panel system settings.

3. See what is shown by **Processor** and **Installed Memory**. (Note that we want 16 GB for memory).



To determine if you have an SSD (solid state drive), do the beginning steps of a Disk Defrag, which will expose the drive types available. (You can close or X out without running the defrag.)

