

Details of the 3-Stage Plan for Professional Development and Continuing Education

Here are details of the three stages of the CEU development process that the STSN Continuing Education Committee will oversee:

Stage 1 (Now to April 2009)

- 1) Promote the wide availability of high-quality continuing education opportunities.
 - a. Develop at least 2 "packaged" training programs to be provided by STSN as free resource materials for schools/agencies to provide their own "on-site" training for service providers, supervisors, and others in the speech to text community.
 - b. Submit proposals for 2 or more continuing education presentations at the PEPNet conference in 2008.
 - c. Submit proposals for presentations to at least 2 regional conferences.
 - d. Encourage PEPNet and other such organizations to offer workshops, conferences, and self-study opportunities for those in the speech-to-text community, and encourage attendees to get PDUs (see item 3 of Stage 1, below)
 - e. Provide to potential presenters the list of continuing education topics requested by respondents to the recent STSN Continuing Education Survey.
- 2) Promote within the speech-to-text community the importance of continued professional development
 - a. Through listservs and other methods, contact service coordinators at schools, work sites, community organizations, etc. with information about the need for, benefits of, and increased availability of continuing education for service providers and others in the speech-to-text community.
 - b. Through listservs and other methods, contact speech-to-text service providers about the need for, benefits of, and increased availability of continuing education for service providers.
- 3) Give recognition to those STSN members who engage in continuing education activities
 - a. Distribute details of STSN's free Professional Development Recognition Program granting PDUs, the precursor to the full CEU program. Forthcoming details of the PDRP will include description of acceptable activities, guidelines for submitting PDU requests to the Continuing Ed committee for consideration, and procedures for recording PDUs in a member's file.
 - b. Award Professional Development Units (PDUs) to STSN members for documented continuing education activities directly related to the provision of speech-to-text services.
 - c. Maintain a list of PDUs obtained by individual members. Members can request a copy of their PDU transcript.

Stage 2 - (April, 2009 to April, 2010)

- 1) Continue to promote and provide high-quality continuing education opportunities.
- 2) Make available a password-protected transcript for those STSN members who have accrued PDUs for

continuing education.

a. Develop a secure system for an on-line, password protected transcript listing the PDUs accrued by STSN members. Those members could provide access to their transcripts to employers and potential employers, as documentation of their continued education and currency in the provision of speech-to-text services.

3) Initiate formal, voluntary, fee-based CEU system for STSN members.

a. STSN members will be invited to begin accumulating STSN CEUs, at a modest charge per CEU.

Stage 3 (Beginning April, 2010)

1) Continue promoting and providing high-quality continuing education opportunities

2) Continue record-keeping and reporting regarding CEUs accrued by members. (Discontinue PDU accrual option.)

a) on-line member transcripts, password protected

3) Initiate required number of CEUs to maintain STSN good standing,

a) Each one contact hour will equal 1 CEU

b) There will be a certain required number of CEUs per cycle. We will start with a low number required during the first year/cycle, and ramp up gradually over the next several years. These details are still to be worked out by the Continuing Education Committee.

c) There will be two strands for CEUs (core and general)