



INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL
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Commission for Medical Interpreter Education

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Dear Medical Interpreter Educator:

The Mission of the IMIA Commission on Medical Interpreter Education (CMIE) is to enhance both the competitiveness of medical interpreting educational entities and to provide consistent quality of medical interpreter education by evaluating and accrediting Educational Programs against the professional minimal educational standards established by IMIA. CMIE also certifies MI instructors.

Accreditation is a voluntary, non-governmental peer review process with the objective to ensure a program or institution meets IMIA Standards for education. Thus accreditation serves as an organizational credential that gives public recognition that a program provides quality education. The IMIA Accredited status will impact students' decision when choosing one program over another, as well as their potential employers.

The process of CMIE accreditation of Medical Interpreter Educational programs requires that the program submit an application, pay the accreditation fee and provide a self-assessment report, giving evidence of compliance with the CMIE Standards. After review of this report and the program's website, CMIE conducts a program site visit to validate the assessment. If successful, accreditation is granted for a period of 5 years. Maintenance requires submission of a simple annual report at no cost. Renewal requires submission of an updated self-assessment report and a site visit, if needed.

The online application form will guide you in providing the needed documentation and other evidence to demonstrate that your program conforms to the Standards. Please review the Standards carefully before applying throughout the accreditation process, please feel free to contact CMIE at: Accreditation@imiaweb.org

All the information about accreditation can be found at:

<http://www.imiaweb.org/education/accreditationprogram.asp>

On behalf of all CMIE Commissioners

Marlene Obermeyer, Chair

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