



## **Interested in Moving to North Carolina?**

North Carolina is a geographically diverse state, from the beaches of the Eastern coast to the Blue Ridge Mountains in the West and all the beauty in between. The interpreting profession is alive and thriving with a very active RID state affiliate chapter, NCRID, and seven local chapters. This network of RID chapters offers plenty of opportunities to earn CEUs and professional skill development in addition to interacting with other interpreters from the surrounding communities.

Interpreting jobs vary from each part of the state. The Eastern region of the state offers opportunities for free lance interpreting as the pool of interpreters tends to be small and the need great. However, freelance interpreters on the coast will find themselves doing lots of driving! The local Coastal RID chapter covers the eastern shore and is always looking for interested interpreters to help host events. If you like the beach, the east is the place to be with beautiful coastal towns like Wilmington, Morehead City, Beaufort, Elizabeth City and many more.

On the opposite side of the state you will find the Blue Ridge Mountains and towns like Asheville, Boone, Hickory and Morganton. The rolling green hills and surrounding scenery are home to Western Carolina University, the North Carolina School for the Deaf, Appalachian State University and the Biltmore Estate. Like the coast, Western North Carolina is home to many retirees. There are opportunities for freelance interpreting, secondary education and other community interpreting including the Broughton Hospital Deaf Unit. Like those freelance interpreters on the coast, western interpreters will find themselves driving lots of miles to and from jobs.

Between the two extremes are several larger cities, Raleigh, Charlotte and Greensboro. The three offer more of an urban layout while maintaining the community appeal. Freelance interpreting opportunities tend to be more available in these areas and offer slightly less driving while opportunities to interpret in secondary education settings and video relay centers are also prevalent. These areas are also rich in history with museums and other historical landmarks.

Throughout the entire state there are plenty of opportunities to work in the public school systems as well as the two schools for the deaf, the North Carolina School for the Deaf in Morganton and the Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf in Wilson. There are several opportunities for staff interpreting positions with certain interpreting agencies and some state government divisions within the Department of Health and Human Services. Regardless of where you are employed, the skies are always Carolina blue.

North Carolina requires interpreters to obtain and maintain an interpreting license in order to work, although interpreters working in religious and educational environments are exempt. However, beginning June 30, 2007, interpreters working in educational settings must hold an EIPA 3 or higher.

The weather varies depending on the region, for more detailed information pertaining to your area of interest, visit the weatherchannel.com at [www.weatherchannel.com](http://www.weatherchannel.com).

North Carolina and all its beauty allows residents to work, live AND play.

Job links:

Office of Education Services (schools for the deaf)

<http://osp.its.state.nc.us/dhhssearchresults3a.asp?vacancykey=4422>

Division of Services for the Blind

<http://osp.its.state.nc.us/dhhssearchresults3a.asp?vacancykey=4450>

Division of Services for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing

<http://osp.its.state.nc.us/dhhssearchresults3a.asp?vacancykey=4451>

Division of Mental Health

<http://osp.its.state.nc.us/dhhssearchresults3a.asp?vacancykey=4463>

<http://osp.its.state.nc.us/dhhssearchresults3a.asp?vacancykey=4460>

Division of Vocation Rehabilitation

<http://osp.its.state.nc.us/dhhssearchresults3a.asp?vacancykey=4480>

Sorenson

<http://www.sorenson.com/company/jobs.php#interp>

For more information on local interpreting agencies, please visit:

<http://dshh.dhhs.state.nc.us/division/interpreter/interpreter.html>