

**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
2) CPU Level 2 (onboard) Cache : 2MB or higher
3) <u>Supported Operating Systems</u> : <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Windows 7 Professional (8.1 ok) with 64 bit• PCs only; no Macs.
4) <u>RAM</u> : 8 GB for Windows 7
5) <u>Hard Drive Type</u> : Solid State (SSD) RECOMMENDED
6) <u>CD-WR + DVD</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Required for Dragon Naturally Speaking installation• Required for burning CDs at certification testing
7) Microsoft® Internet Explorer 10 or higher


The BRSCR technology director can assist in evaluating your current computer and can make recommendations.

II. STENOMASK RECOMMENDATION

STENOMASK: Sylencer / SmartMic stenomask

- ❑ Sylencer SmartMic **SM200** by Talk Technologies www.talktech.com.
- ❑ **USB adapter. At least one Andrea USB adapter is required with the Sylencer SmartMic (SM200). A second USB adapter is needed if the laptop has only a combo jack for microphone and headphones.**

<p>SM100</p> <p>SM200 (with backup microphone)</p>	<p>Sylencer® SmartMic™ Silent Speech Recognition Microphone</p>  <p>The SmartMic™</p>	<p>The Sylencer SmartMic has the ability to be tuned to your voice for the most accurate speech recognition obtainable. Its patent pending technology allows users to even whisper - it works that well!</p> <p>This SmartMic is available in a variety of different configurations - please call for details.</p>	<p>NEW!</p> <p><i>Introductory Prices:</i></p> <p>SM100: \$279.00</p> <p>SM200: \$310.00 (PREFERRED)</p>
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<p>USB100</p>	<p>USB Adapter</p> 	<p>The Andrea USB Adapter, when combined with the Sylencer, provides accurate Speech Recognition for users who don't want to be heard or need to work in a noisy environment.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Details</p>	<p><i>List Price:</i> \$49.95</p> <p><i>Our Price:</i> \$44.95</p>
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****CALL TO ORDER MASK AND ADAPTER(S):**

Phone: 1-888-811-9944 (toll free)

NOTE: Tell Talk Technologies that you are a student and you will receive a 10% discount.

Optional accessory:


[MuffleMitt-TT from VoxRite.com.](http://VoxRite.com)

This sleeve will reduce sound escaping from the Sylencer mask.

Mask Accessories

Product 3/4

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MuffleMitt-TT

\$29.95

STOP WORRYING ABOUT BEING HEARD

- NEW DESIGN AND MANUFACTURER
- CUSTOM DESIGNED FOR TALK TECH MASK
 - SMOOTH SEAMS AND FIT
- MORE ELASTIC SO IT GOES ON EASIER
- SEALSERT INCLUDED FOR BETTER SILENCING

This form-fitting neoprene glove noticeably reduces noise from your mask. Voicewriters everywhere are excited about this mask silencing aid. The MuffleMitt-TT easily slips over your Talk Tech Sylencer mask. Try one out! You will be amazed at the difference the MuffleMitt makes.

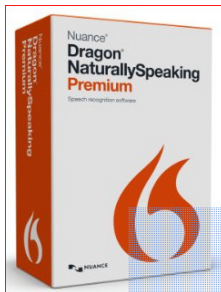
III. VOICE RECOGNITION SOFTWARE RECOMMENDATION

DRAGON NATURALLY SPEAKING PREMIUM EDITION (OR PROFESSIONAL) VERSION 13.0

Acceptable versions:

- Dragon Naturally Speaking, Premium edition, version 13.0
- Professional version is also acceptable and has enhanced features
- Do not buy a Home, Standard or Student version
- Available from Nuance.com, TigerDirect.com, Amazon.com, KnownBrainer.com and other vendors.

Amazon.com:



Dragon NaturallySpeaking Premium 13.0, English

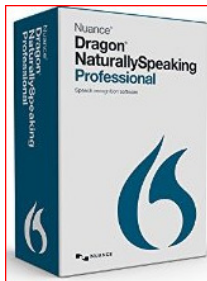
by [Nuance Communications, Inc.](#)

★★★★☆ (86 customer reviews) | [16 answered questions](#)

List Price: ~~\$199.99~~

Price: **\$169.99** & **FREE Shipping.** [Details](#)

You Save: **\$30.00 (15%)**



Nuance Dragon NaturallySpeaking Professional 13.0, English

by [Nuance Communications, Inc.](#)

Platform: Windows 7 / 8

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List Price: ~~\$599.99~~

Price: **\$581.55** & **FREE Shipping.** [Details](#)

You Save: **\$18.44 (3%)**

IV. ECLIPSE VOX SOFTWARE REQUIREMENT

- For new users of Total Eclipse: We will help you install the student version of Total Eclipse VoX, which will give you the toolbars and other configuration options necessary to use Total Eclipse for voice writing.
- A separate user agreement and usage fee of \$100 must be paid to Advantage Software, the vendor for Eclipse VoX software, for use of the student software.
- For existing users of Total Eclipse: We will import the voice writer settings into your existing Total Eclipse.

V. ACADEMIC TEXTBOOK REQUIREMENTS

<p>ENGLISH I COURSE</p> 	<p><u>The Blue Book of Grammar and Punctuation: An Easy-to-Use Guide with Clear Rules, Real-World Examples, and Reproducible Quizzes, 10th edition</u>, Straus, Jane, Paperback, 2007, ISBN-10: 0470222689 ISBN-13: 978-0470222683 <u>Available locally and from http://www.amazon.com.</u> (Approximately \$15 new)</p>
<p>MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY COURSE</p> 	<p><u>Medical Terminology Using Word Building, 2nd Edition</u>, Kurtz, Catherine, 2004, Paperback, ISBN 1-4116-1439-9. <u>Available exclusively from http://www.lulu.com.</u> (Approximately \$30 new) <u>Also available as a download from lulu.com</u> (Approximately \$15 downloaded)</p>
<p>LEGAL TERMINOLOGY COURSE</p> 	<p><u>Legal Studies: Terminology & Transcription, 5E</u>, Roderick-Bolton, Wanda, 2004, Paperback, ISBN 0-538-43722-7. <u>Available from http://www.amazon.com.</u> (Approximately \$100 new; used from \$40)</p>
<p>COURT REPORTING PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS</p> 	<p><u>Successful Freelance Court Reporting</u>, Chopkin, Dana, 2001, Paperback, ISBN 0-7668-1746-6. <u>Thompson Learning</u> <u>Instructions for obtaining a discount at Thompson Learning: BRSCR Discount OR http://www.amazon.com.</u> (Approximately \$100 new; used from \$40)</p>
<p><u>SKILLS: VOICE TECH 101 and VOICE TECH 201</u></p>	<p>All handouts are downloadable for printing. <u>Optional:</u> Preprinted bound copies can be purchased for \$30 each from the school.</p>

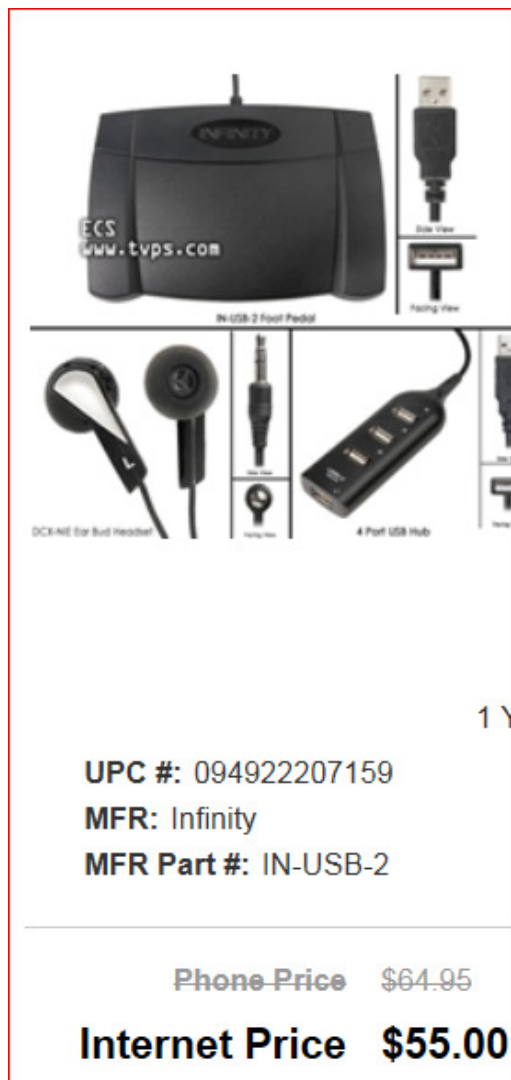
Academic texts may be purchased on an as-needed timetable prior to the start of each module. Used books are permissible and encouraged to keep costs down. **The remaining courses do not have required textbooks.**

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

VI. FOOT PEDAL

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

We recommend the IN-USB-2 Infinity USB Foot Pedal for Computer Transcription from Executive Communication Systems. Their web site is tvps.com. Look under Foot Pedals for Computers.



Link:

http://www.tvps.com/Products/IN-USB-2-Infinity-USB-Foot-Pedal-for-Computer-Transcription---New-INUSB-2_VE-IN-USB-2.aspx

VII. COMPUTER TRANSCRIPTION SOFTWARE

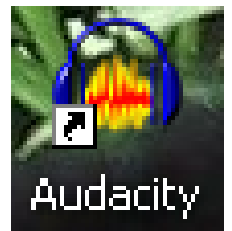
In order to use the foot pedal appropriately, you will want/need transcription software to turn your computer into a transcriber.

Express Scribe is a software download for this purpose. The professional version is compatible with the foot pedal and is \$29.95. (<http://www.nch.com.au/scribe/index.html>).



VIII. RECORDING SOFTWARE

Audacity is an optional recording software for your computer available as a *free download* from the Internet. The IT Department can help you install the latest version that is most compatible with your operating system. (It is used as an optional alternate recording methodology only.)



IX. 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.

SUMMARY AND APPROXIMATE COSTS

Hardware and Software

1. Laptop computer as recommended (Dell Latitude)	\$1600
2. Stenomask SM 200 with 1 adapter (Talk Technologies) With 2 adapters: \$388	350
3. Dragon Naturally Speaking Software 13.0 (Amazon) (Premium version; may be less on sale)	200
4. Foot pedal (Executive Communication Systems) (\$55 + shipping)	70
5. Eclipse Vox software (Advantage Software) (Fee paid directly to vendor)	100
6. Express Scribe software	<u>30</u>
 Approximate cost of hardware and software:	 \$2350

Textbooks*

1. English I - new (Amazon)	\$ 15
2. Medical - new (lulu.com)	30
3. Legal Terminology - used (Amazon)	40
4. Practical Applications - used (Amazon)	40
5. Optional: Technology 101 and 201 handouts	<u>60</u>
 Approximate cost of textbooks:	 \$ 185

*Textbooks may be purchased as needed and sold back after use through the school's used bookstore if desired.