

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

**I. COMPUTER REQUIREMENTS**

<b>Minimum Specifications</b>
<b><u>CPU:</u></b> Intel® PentiumM (or higher)
<b><i>RECOMMENDED:</i></b> Intel i7 processor
<b>CPU Level 2 (onboard) Cache:</b> 2MB
<b><u>Supported Operating Systems:</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Windows XP Professional SP3 or higher</li> <li>• Windows 7</li> </ul>
<b><i>RECOMMENDED:</i></b> Windows 7 with 64 bit
<b>PCs only; no Macs. No Vista operating systems.</b>
<b><u>RAM:</u></b>
<b>Minimum 1 GB for Windows XP</b>
<b>Minimum 2 GB for Windows 7</b>
<b><i>RECOMMENDED:</i></b> 2 GB RAM for Windows XP
<b><i>RECOMMENDED:</i></b> 4 GB RAM for Windows 7
<b><u>Free hard disk space:</u></b> 1GB
<b><u>CD-WR + DVD</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Required for Dragon Naturally Speaking installation</li> <li>• Required for burning CDs at certification testing</li> </ul>
<b>Microsoft® Internet Explorer 8 or higher</b>

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

Fully compatible refurbished computers are also available for purchase through the IT department. Contact [mark@brscr.com](mailto:mark@brscr.com) for more information.



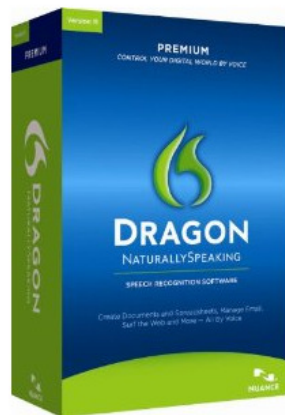
### III. VOICE RECOGNITION SOFTWARE RECOMMENDATION

#### DRAGON NATURALLY SPEAKING PREMIUM EDITION (OR PROFESSIONAL) VERSION 11.5

##### Acceptable versions:

- Dragon Naturally Speaking, Premium edition, version 11 or 11.5 (version 11 can easily be upgraded to 11.5)
- 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 and other vendors.

Amazon.com:



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##### Dragon NaturallySpeaking Premium 11

by [Nuance Communications, Inc.](#)

Platform: Windows 7 / XP / Vista / 2000

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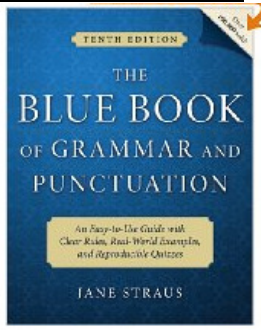
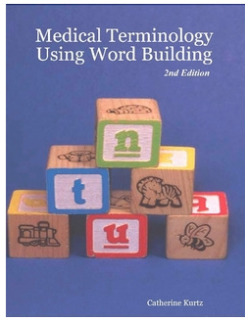
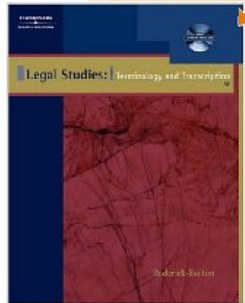
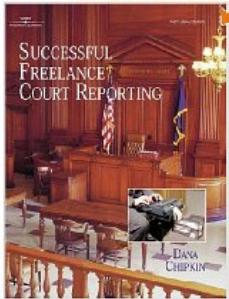
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### IV. ECLIPSE VOX SOFTWARE REQUIREMENT

- 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><b>ENGLISH I COURSE</b></p> 	<p><b><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></b>, Straus, Jane, Paperback, 2007, ISBN-10: 0470222689 ISBN-13: 978-0470222683 <b><u>Available locally and from <a href="http://www.amazon.com">http://www.amazon.com</a>.</u></b> <b>(Approximately \$15 new)</b></p>
<p><b>MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY COURSE</b></p> 	<p><b><u>Medical Terminology Using Word Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition</u></b>, Kurtz, Catherine, 2004, Paperback, ISBN 1-4116-1439-9.</p> <p><b><u>Available exclusively from <a href="http://www.lulu.com">http://www.lulu.com</a>.</u></b> <b>(Approximately \$30 new)</b></p> <p><b><u>Also available as a download from <a href="http://www.lulu.com">lulu.com</a></u></b> <b>(Approximately \$15 downloaded)</b></p>
<p><b>LEGAL TERMINOLOGY COURSE</b></p> 	<p><b><u>Legal Studies: Terminology &amp; Transcription, 5E</u></b>, Roderick-Bolton, Wanda, 2004, Paperback, ISBN 0-538-43722-7.</p> <p><b><u>Available from <a href="http://www.amazon.com">http://www.amazon.com</a>.</u></b></p> <p><b>(Approximately \$100 new; used from \$25-40)</b></p>
<p><b>COURT REPORTING PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS</b></p> 	<p><b><u>Successful Freelance Court Reporting</u></b>, Chopkin, Dana, 2001, Paperback, ISBN 0-7668-1746-6. <b><u>Thompson Learning</u></b> <b><u>Instructions for obtaining a discount at Thompson Learning: <a href="#">BRSCR Discount</a> OR <a href="http://www.amazon.com">http://www.amazon.com</a>.</u></b></p> <p><b>(Approximately \$100 new; used from \$25-40)</b></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.

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## VII. COMPUTER TRANSCRIPTION SOFTWARE

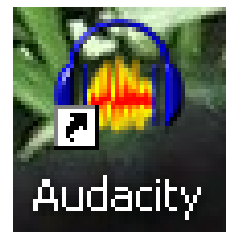
In order to use the foot pedal appropriately, you will want/need transcription software to turn your computer into a transcriber.

There is *free software* available on the Internet for this purpose, such as Express Scribe (<http://www.nch.com.au/scribe/index.html>), or you can purchase transcription software from a vendor, such as Start/Stop ([startstop.com](http://startstop.com)) for a reasonable price.



## VIII. RECORDING SOFTWARE

Audacity is recording software for your computer available as a *free download* from the Internet. The IT Department will 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.