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NCRA partners with Excelsior College *Members can pursue higher education at reduced cost*

RESTON, Va., July, 6, 2016 -- The National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), the country's leading organization representing stenographic court reporters, broadcast and CART captioners, and legal videographers, has announced that it has partnered with Excelsior College, Albany, N.Y., an accredited, nonprofit educational institution to offer members and their spouses or domestic partners the opportunity to pursue higher learning at a reduced tuition rate.

The agreement is part of NCRA's continuing efforts to build the industry and business skills of current and future members by supporting member career development.

"The partnership with Excelsior is the latest in the growing number of benefits NCRA is committed to providing its members," said Mike Nelson, CAE, the Association's CEO and Executive Director. "We recognize that education is important to NCRA members, and we are very excited about this opportunity to provide access to higher education that is accessible, affordable and recognizes professional experience."

Under the partnership, Excelsior College will convert an NCRA member's previous college credits, work experience and the professional certifications of RPR, RMR, RDR and CRR to semester hours that will be applicable to certain course requirements. In addition, tuition costs for NCRA members and their spouses or domestic partners are offered at a reduced cost compared to other enrollees.

NCRA members or their families can [register](#) now for the fall semester.

"Professional development has taken on greater importance in recent years as all levels of government look to address the skills gap," said Dr. John Ebersole, president of Excelsior College. "By partnering with Excelsior, NCRA can provide their members access to a quality, affordable education and develop their member's current and future workforce needs."

Excelsior College, a private, nonprofit, distance learning institution based in Albany, N.Y., is home to more than 38,000 students and five schools: Business and Technology, Health Sciences, Liberal Arts, Nursing, and Public Service. The College focuses on removing the obstacles to higher education for working adults – average age 37 – by offering multiple pathways to degree completion. These options include more than 35 online programs at the associate, bachelor and master level, credit-by-examination, a broad transfer policy and portfolio assessment through the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning.



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Excelsior also specializes in serving the underserved: More than 34 percent of Excelsior's current student body self-identify as minority, and more than 14,000 students are active-duty military or have veteran status. Many of the College's online offerings focus on the federal government's identified mission critical areas, including graduate programs in business, cyber security, health sciences, nursing and public administration. In addition, the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security designated Excelsior as a National Center of Academic Excellence in cyber defense education.

For more information on the partnership, contact Cynthia Bruce Andrews, director of professional development at NCRA, at candrews@ncra.org or Hamisi Amani-Dove, director of workforce partnerships at Excelsior College, at hamani-dove@excelsior.edu.

For more information, visit NCRA.org. Career information can be found at crTakeNote.com.

About NCRA

The National Court Reporters Association (NCRA) is internationally recognized for promoting excellence among those who capture and convert the spoken word to text for more than 100 years. NCRA is committed to supporting its more than 16,000 members in achieving the highest level of professional expertise with educational opportunities and industry-recognized court reporting, educator and videographer certification programs. NCRA influences legislative issues and the global marketplace through its actively involved membership. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that the court reporting field is expected to grow by 14 percent through the year 2020. For more information, visit NCRA.org.

About Excelsior College

Excelsior College is a regionally accredited, nonprofit distance learning institution that focuses on removing obstacles to the educational goals of adult learners. Founded in 1971 and located in Albany, N.Y., Excelsior is a proven leader in the assessment and validation of student knowledge. It offers more efficient and affordable access to degree completion through multiple avenues: its own online courses and college-level proficiency examinations, and the acceptance in transfer of credit from other colleges and universities as well as recognized corporate and military training programs. Excelsior College is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. For more information, visit excelsior.edu.