

I strongly support having qualified interpreters in all settings including VRS. There are several certifying bodies for sign language interpreters throughout our country which are valid and have certified thousands of interpreters. Many companies also have a screening process in place regardless of certification to ensure the quality of their employees. I do not agree with accepting only certifications that have been issued by RID-NAD as valid for VRS work. I have been a certified and licensed interpreter for over 19 years and hold certification from two states that have QA systems. Interpreters (CA's) who hold state or RID-NAD certifications should be allowed to work in VRS settings.