

Good skills/personality traits for court reporters:

- Good hearing!
- Good hand-eye coordination/enjoy working with their hands and good manual dexterity
- Physically able to “write” at a very fast rate of speed
- Ability to concentrate and sit for long periods of time
- A desire to work with computers
- A fascination/interest in words
- Good English skills
- Self-motivated, disciplined, goal-oriented
- Organized
- Must be flexible and enjoy diverse atmospheres
- Have an interest in the legal arena
- Be able to work well with people
- Must be mature and not react emotionally to the proceedings
- Must be prompt
- Ability to meet deadlines
- Ability to function under extreme pressure at times
- Ability to absorb a lot of knowledge and retain it
- Have an extensive vocabulary
- Have a curiosity about words