C-Print Pro™ software is used by C-Print captionists to assist in providing access to spoken information in real time. Two software applications are available:

**C-Print Pro Server** software is used by trained captionists. The Server application includes the C-Print abbreviation system to input text from keyboard typing, allows two-way communication, and offers the choice of individual screen preferences.

**C-Print Pro Client** software is used by individuals accessing text from the Server. The Client application has individualized notetaking tools, allows two-way communication with the Server, and offers the choice of individual screen preferences.

The C-Print system is a cost-effective solution to providing communication access to individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Considering speech-to-text as a communication access and support service option?
Researchers at Rochester Institute of Technology’s (RIT) National Technical Institute for the Deaf developed C-Print to improve the classroom experience for students who are deaf or hard of hearing.

As a communication access and support service option, C-Print is successfully used today in educational settings around the country. The C-Print system can also effectively be used in meetings and workshops and with individuals with other disabilities.

How C-Print Works

A trained operator, called a C-Print captionist, produces text of spoken English on a personal computer using C-Print Pro™, a software application specifically designed for C-Print speech-to-text services.

Using an abbreviation system to reduce keystrokes, the captionist inputs text, including as much information as possible to provide a meaning-for-meaning translation of the spoken English content.

The text can be viewed simultaneously on other computers or display monitors. Following the class, meeting, or event, the text can be edited and provided on paper or in electronic format as notes.

C-Print Captionists

C-Print captionists are professionals trained to provide C-Print as a communication access and support service option to individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Recommended skills for successful trainees include:

- Typing speed of at least 60 words per minute
- Awareness of phonetics
- Excellent listening and English skills
- Ability to process spoken information
- Experience with computers and word processing applications
- A genuine desire to learn

Captionist Online Training

Captionist Online Training is a distance education program designed to give individuals the core preparation necessary for providing C-Print speech-to-text services.

The training incorporates a variety of topics that are essential for promoting success for the captionist and the client receiving services. The skill-building portion of the program includes training in the C-Print abbreviation system, condensing strategies, and preparing real-time text and notes.

Equipment Needed for the C-Print System

In general, laptop computers are the primary pieces of equipment used in the C-Print system. Typically, the captionist’s computer runs the C-Print Pro Server application. The Server can be connected to one or more computers running the C-Print Pro Client application. Text from the Server is viewed on the Client’s computer. If an additional display is needed, a computer monitor, television, or LCD projector can be used to display text.

It is strongly recommended that those using the C-Print system have experience with personal computers and word processing applications, as well as staff available to provide technical support.

To learn more about the C-Print system, software applications, and online training, call 585-475-7557 (voice/TTY); send e-mail to: cprint@rit.edu; or go online to http://cprint.rit.edu.

Welcome to C-Print®, a speech-to-text system that provides meaning-for-meaning translation of spoken English content.