Sample Guidelines for completing the Independent Study Forms. These must be completed and approved by the CMP sponsor before beginning your Independent Study/Practicum Experience.

You should design the Independent Study to fit your unique program. The following is an example of how it might look.
1. What do I want to do?  Briefly describe the activity you will complete for CEUs.
(Ex: I would like to know more about the process of translation from a linguistic point of view. Several books on translation have been recommended. I would like to read them and apply them to my work.)

I will participate in a supervised practicum program, working in mental health settings. The practicum will lead to Mental Health Certification offered by the state of Alabama. The experience will be transferable to my work.

2. What are my specific goals? Keep your goals measurable, observable, tangible!
(Ex: “I will compare the problems and techniques of spoken language interpreters to those I have experienced.”)

I will provide case presentations of my experiences in mental health settings, observed and interpreted and will discuss them with my practicum supervisor.
I will examine and discuss my work utilizing the Demand Control Schema developed by Dean and Pollard.
I will study for and take a written examination testing my ability to synthesis interpreting work in mental health settings.
3. How will I show my sponsor what I learned? Describe your evaluation process. (Ex: I will write a 1-2 page report comparing spoken and signed translation work.)

I will provide a 1-2 page case presentations for 40 hours of observation and work within clinical settings. I will discuss my work with my practicum supervisor and they will provide me with graded rubrics showing my strengths and weaknesses based on their opinions and opinions of other interpreters and deaf professionals in the setting. I will take an eight hour written examination on mental health interpreting.

4. How many CEUs am I proposing and why? Remember, in an educational setting, 10 contact hours = 1 CEU. Non-traditional activities should follow a different ratio. A maximum of 2.0 CEUs can be earned for each project. (Larger projects may be broken into components and each component filed as a separate independent study project earning up to 2.0 CEUs each.)

2.0 CEUs
They will be documented on a time log and verified by my supervisor.

5. When will this proposed project start and end? Project must be completed within twelve months

January 1, 2016 to March 31, 2016. On-site practicum will be February 8 - 12, 2016. Examination will be February 12, 2016.

I agree to implement the Independent Study Activity as outlined in this plan and to submit all the necessary documentation of successful completion to my Sponsor. I certify that this activity for CEU credit toward the RID CMP requirements represents a valid and verifiable Continuing Education Experience that exceeds routine employment responsibilities.

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Participant’s Signature  
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Date  
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Participant’s Name (print)

I will insure that this Independent Study Activity will be overseen and evaluated by individual(s) with the relevant expertise. I, or my designee, have discussed the Independent Study Activity outlined in this plan with the participant and agree that it represents a valid and verifiable Continuing Education Experience. Further, I or my designee, agree to assess the documentation submitted to me by the participant upon completion of the Independent Study Activity and award the appropriate CEUs if completion is satisfactory.

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Sponsor’s Administrator Signature  
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Date  
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Sponsor’s Administrator Name (print)