

## Re: Trouble in Paradise?

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I know I am a good MT in the areas where I have experience, but I doubt I could pass the CMT without a LOT of study, and since I have happy clients in the areas I am good at, and really couldn't handle more business than I already have, becoming a CMT would not be worth the effort. That doesn't mean that I do not think some sort of indication of qualifications would be a good idea, however.

Where I think we need an organization is to set standards, and accredit schools. I think there need to be different levels of certification. And committing obscure diagnoses or equipment to memory is useless—but do I know how to find it when I do need it? I do not have to stop and look up often in the fields I am experienced in, but I know where to do it when I need it. And does the CMT exam test for English/grammar? I can pass any exam you want to give me in that field and it is where I find many lacking. Right now all having CMT after your name means is that you passed a test. It doesn't mean you are a good MT. I can furnish anyone who wants proof of my qualifications with references from satisfied clients.

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"Jeannie Wilson" <[jjwilson421@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:jjwilson421@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message [news:Xns96A2DBBCB687jjwilson421comcastnet@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:Xns96A2DBBCB687jjwilson421comcastnet@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

> Gisele <[Gisele.1sykwm@xxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:Gisele.1sykwm@xxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote here for all to

> see [news:Gisele.1sykwm@xxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:Gisele.1sykwm@xxxxxxxxxxx):

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>> Oh, I'm still for certification, for me that's a separate issue because  
>> you don't have to be a member to be certified. We have too many people  
>> running around calling themselves MTs who are really not, and I use the  
>> CMT to stand out from that crowd.

>> Works for me! I don't let my clients decide what  
>> education/certification is pertinent to my field.

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> I agree with you to an extent on that. I simply don't care to take it  
> because it would not benefit me. I know I'm good. My clients know I'm  
> good. I don't need the initials behind me to prove that. ROFL!!

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> However, I do think there should be a mandatory test you should have to  
> take to be a transcriptionist – some standardized test. It would be like  
> sitting for EMT boards or something like that. You have to have it to  
> practice. If not, then you can't practice.

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