



**First Time  
Firearms llc**



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# PISTOL

## NRA Instructor Candidate Training Packet

### NRA Instructor Development

Instructor Candidate's Name:

Instructor Candidate's NRA Number:

#### Items to be completed before the class date:

- Pre-Course Questionnaire (pages 2-4).
- Pre-Course Qualifications (pages 5-8)
  - Complete and Score 90% or better on the Instructor Led NRA Basic Pistol Shooting Course (in-person training).
  - Phase 1 - Loading and Unloading (pages 5-6)
    - Semiautomatic
    - Single Action Revolver
    - Double Action Revolver
  - Phase 2— Clearing Common Semiautomatic Pistol Stoppages (pages 6-7)
    - Failure to Fire Drill (Directions on page 6)
    - Double Feed Drill (Directions on page 6)
  - Phase 3—Pistol Shooting (pages 7-8)

**Please turn in pages 1-8 to Instructor Michael Anderson when you come to the range.**

# NRA INSTRUCTOR TRAINING PROGRAM

## PRE-COURSE QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you for your interest in the NRA Instructor Training Program. The goal of this program is to develop instructors to teach NRA Basic Firearm Training Courses according to the lesson plans and training standards of the National Rifle Association. This program is *not* designed to prepare you to teach other firearm training courses (such as law enforcement, security, or hunter safety courses), nor to prepare you to develop firearm training courses of your own.

The NRA Instructor Training Course is designed to teach you *how to teach* others to shoot using NRA lesson plans and training methods. The course is *not* designed to improve your shooting skills. Possession of basic firearm safety and/or shooting skills is a prerequisite for certification as an NRA instructor. You may be asked to demonstrate your firearm background through participation in pre-course assessment exercises.

A complete NRA Instructor Training Course consists of two parts. The first is basic instructor training, which consists of 6 hours of instruction. The second part is discipline-specific instructor training, which consists of an additional 5 to 14 hours of instruction *per discipline*. For example, an NRA Instructor Training Course in rifle, pistol, and shotgun lasts at least 40 hours.

During the NRA Instructor Training Course, you will receive from your Training Counselor the *NRA Trainer's Guide*, the appropriate NRA Instructor Candidate Packet which includes the course outlines and lesson plans for the disciplines you wish to teach, the appropriate NRA basic course student packet which includes the handbook, certificates, *NRA Gun Safety Rules* brochure and other materials used in NRA basic courses.

The NRA Training Counselor who conducts your course will make a recommendation to NRA concerning your certification based on an evaluation of your knowledge, skills, and attitude. You will be asked to demonstrate your organizational and teaching skills through participation in several practical exercises during the course of your training. You will also be asked to complete an instructor certification examination. A minimum score of 90 percent is required for certified instructor applicants (85 percent for assistant and apprentice instructor applicants). *However, attendance at the course, or a passing grade on the examination, does not guarantee that you will receive the recommendation of the NRA Training Counselor.*

Initial Certified Instructor credentials are valid for two years. After completion of the second year, instructors will need to have reported training at [nrainstructors.org](http://nrainstructors.org) and complete an online NRA Trainer Refresher course to recertify. Recertification will be required every other year.

Certified Instructors must have a valid email address and be registered at [nrainstructors.org](http://nrainstructors.org). They must remain current on NRA policies and procedures by thoroughly reviewing the NRA Training Department Update email blasts, [nrainstructors.org](http://nrainstructors.org) and visiting the NRA Blog at: [nrablog.com](http://nrablog.com).

# NRA INSTRUCTOR TRAINING PROGRAM PRE-COURSE QUESTIONNAIRE

I have read the description of the NRA Instructor Training Program on the previous pages, understand its goals, and am interested in attending a course to prepare me to become an NRA Certified Instructor.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Highest level of education completed \_\_\_\_\_

NRA Member? \_\_\_\_\_ Status (Annual, Life, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently hold ratings as an NRA Basic Firearm Training Instructor or NRA Shooting Coach? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, which ratings do you hold? \_\_\_\_\_

Which instructor ratings are you interested in obtaining?

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Why do you wish to become an NRA Certified Instructor?

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Where do you plan to conduct the classroom and range portions of your NRA Basic Firearm Training Courses?

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# NRA INSTRUCTOR TRAINING PROGRAM PRE-COURSE QUALIFICATION

## PISTOL

Name of Candidate \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

The NRA Instructor Training Pre-Course Qualification is to be administered after the potential Instructor Candidate has achieved a minimum score of 90 percent on the Basic Pistol Shooting Course Student Exam. The Pre-Course Qualification must be administered before or during an Instructor Training Course and is a hands-on, practical exercise to evaluate an individual's knowledge, skills and attitude in safety, loading, unloading, clearing firearm malfunctions, and shooting skills. The qualification is conducted in three phases. *Alternatively, candidates may provide documented proof of Classified Sharpshooter or better in NRA Conventional or Action Pistol, Classified Marksman or better in International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA) or Classified "C" or better in US Practical Shooting Association(USPSA)/International Practical Shooting Confederation(IPSC) or a certification as an NRA LEAD Handgun/Shotgun or Tactical Handgun certified instructor.*

### **Passing/Failing:**

The NRA Pre-Course Qualification for Pistol will have a maximum score of 100 points and a minimum passing score of 80 points. Minimum passing requirement must be met in each phase.

### **Unsafe Gun Handling:**

Candidates who demonstrate unsafe gun handling will be given 0 points for that particular skill test. Examples of unsafe gun handling include pointing the gun in an unsafe direction or any area not designated as safe by the Training Counselor, sweeping one's own body, or placing the finger on the trigger before being ready to shoot.

### **PHASE 1 - LOADING/UNLOADING**

Location: Classroom or Range

Using dummy ammunition, instructor candidate must load and unload a single action revolver, double action revolver, and a semi-automatic pistol.

*Requests for assistance will result in a deduction of 3 points per action type in the exercises; candidate will be given a score of 0 for safety violations.*

**Loading**

Minimum Passing 12 points / Maximum 15 points

5 points maximum per action type

	Points
Single Action Revolver	_____
Double Action Revolver	_____
Semi-Automatic Pistol	_____
TOTAL	_____

**Unloading**

Minimum Passing 12 points / Maximum 15 points

5 points maximum per action type

	Points
Single Action Revolver	_____
Double Action Revolver	_____
Semi-Automatic Pistol	_____
TOTAL	_____

**PHASE 2 – CLEARING COMMON PISTOL STOPPAGES**

Location: Range

Using dummy ammunition, instructor candidate must demonstrate how to clear a common pistol stoppage using a semi-automatic pistol. Training Counselor will set-up the pistol and conduct a practical exercise involving failure to fire and double feeds.

*Requests for assistance will result in a deduction of 3 points per action type in the exercises; candidate will be given a score of 0 for safety violations.*

**FAILURE TO FIRE DRILL:** If candidate waits 30 seconds keeping the gun pointed in a safe direction, taps the bottom of the magazine, and pulls the slide to the rear, 5 points will be given.

**DOUBLE FEED DRILL:** If the candidate locks the slide to the rear, removes the magazine, and renders the pistol unloaded 5 points will be given.

Minimum Passing 8 points / Maximum 10 points  
5 points maximum per stoppage type

	Points
Semi-Automatic Failure to Fire	_____
Semi-Automatic Double Feed	_____
<b>TOTAL</b>	_____

### PHASE 3 – PISTOL SHOOTING

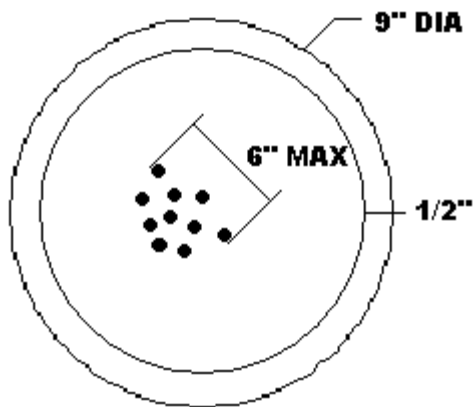
Location: Range

Candidate will shoot any gun of their choice, regardless of action, sights or caliber, at a 9 inch diameter paper target at a distance of 15 yards. 20 shots at 45 feet, no time limit. Minimum of 16 out of 20 shots must be in a 6 inch group, inside the designated target circle.

Note - must be shot with a minimum caliber of 9mm (.355) for semi-automatics, or .38 (.357) for revolvers.

Red-dots sights, mounted to the firearm, that contain an aiming reticle captured within the sight are fine.

Lasers that project onto the target are not authorized.



If adjusted distance is required due to range limitations, the following formulae will be used; all distances are in inches (hit scoring and requirements remain the same):

Target Diameter: Target Distance divided by 60.0  
Outside Border: Target Diameter divided by 18.0  
Extreme Spread: Target Diameter divided by 1.5

***Candidate will be given a score of 0 for safety violations.***

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Minimum Passing 48 points / Maximum 60 points  
3 points for each scoring hit

Pistol Shooting Points  
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Minimum Passing 80%	
<b>Phase II Clearing Stoppages Sub-Total:</b>	<input type="text"/>
Minimum Passing 80%	
<b>Phase III Pistol Shooting Sub-Total:</b>	<input type="text"/>
Minimum Passing 80%	
<b>Pistol Pre-Course Qualification Total Score:</b>	<input type="text"/>



# NRA Instructor Training Qualification Target

20 shots/15 yards (45 feet) 16 out of 20 shots in a 6 inch group

