

NRA Instructor Course

Personal Protection Inside the Home Instructor

Pre-course evaluation

Candidates will be graded on ability to do all of the activities listed below.

1) **Written exam** (multiple choice and T/F) – NRA PPIH Student Exam - must score 90%

2) **Safe Gun handling exercises**

a. **Loading** (must score min 12 out of 15 possible points)

- i. Single action revolver – (max 5 points)
- ii. Double action revolver – (max 5 points)
- iii. Semi-auto pistol – (max 5 points)

b. **Unloading** (must score min 12 out of 15 possible points)

- i. Single action revolver – (max 5 points)
- ii. Double action revolver – (max 5 points)
- iii. Semi-auto pistol – (max 5 points)

3) **Clearing Common Pistol Stoppages** (must score min 8 out of 10 possible points)

- a. Failure to fire drill – (max 5 points)
- b. Double feed drill – (max 5 points)

4) **Pistol Shooting Evaluation:** (Must score 48 or higher out of possible 60 points)

NOTE: *Candidates are exempt from the shooting evaluation if they provide documented proof of any of the following --- Classified Sharpshooter or better in NRA Conventional or Action Pistol, Classified Marksman or better in International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA), Classified "C" or better in US Practical Shooting Association (USPSA)/International Shooting Confederation (IPSC), Certification as an NRA LEAD Handgun/Shotgun or Tactical Handgun certified instructor.*

- a. FIREARMS CALIBER: Pistols must be 9mm or larger; Revolvers must be .38 or larger.
- b. From a low ready position, candidates will shoot one type of pistol at a blank 9 inch diameter circle at a distance of 21 feet. On the command to fire, candidates will shoot an accelerated pair (i.e. 2 shots) from a two handed shooting position and then scan their immediate area for additional threats. Each shot that hits the paper will be given a value of 3 points. Shots that break the edge of the paper will count as a hit. Candidates must shoot each string of fire in less than 2 seconds. Any shots after two seconds will be deducted from the total number of shots on the target at the end of the session. This drill will be repeated 10 times (for a total of 20 shots fired).
- c. Candidates MUST know what the low ready position is and MUST scan for threats after shooting. Candidates will be given a score of 0 for safety violations.

5) **Cumulative Score:**

- a. Candidate must pass all of the hands-on exercises and achieve a minimum cumulative score of 80 or more. Candidates exempt from the shooting portion, must still pass the hands on safe handling exercises. Candidates taking **both** Pistol Instructor and PPITH Instructor in the same course will only be required to perform the safe handling exercises during the Pistol Instructor Pre-course Qualification.