

Qualification Requirements for Pistol Instructor Candidates

1. Pre-Test 80% or higher on the *Basic Pistol Student Exam*
It is **STRONGLY** recommended that Instructor Candidates (IC's) read the NRA handbooks *The Basics of Pistol Shooting* (EF 13270) and *Home Firearm Safety* (ES 14120) prior to attending the Instructor Candidate class.
The handbooks may be purchased for \$7.00 each (plus shipping and handling) through the following link:
<http://materials.nrahq.org/go/products.aspx?cat=G-Books>
2. Unloading procedures: The candidate must demonstrate basic safe handling and unloading procedures for Single-Action, Double-Action and Semi-Automatic pistols.
3. The candidate must safely demonstrate basic pistol shooting positions and shooting fundamentals. All shots must be on target. At least one target must have a minimum score of 50% or a maximum group size of 5-1/2" (B-2 target at 50 feet).
 - a. **Two-Handed Standing (Isosceles) Position** (Choice of .22lr Double-Action or Semi-Automatic) *
 - i. Students will choose one pistol/action type to use for both Isosceles and Target (One-Handed Standing) position shooting qualifications. **
 - ii. Students will shoot at a B-2 target at 50 feet. ***
 - iii. Cartridges will be loaded 5 at a time.
 - iv. Load and fire 5 rounds in 5 minutes from the Isosceles position at one (1) target and then, upon command, cease fire, reload and fire 5 rounds in 5 minutes from the Isosceles position at the same target.
 - v. To successfully qualify, students must
 1. Follow range commands
 2. Follow proper loading procedures as outlined in NRA Handbook *The Basics of Pistol Shooting*
 3. Assume the proper shooting position as outlined in *The Basics of Pistol Shooting*
 4. Correctly execute other essential pistol shooting fundamentals as described in pistol handbook
 5. Observe NRA Gun Safety Rules and other applicable range rules and procedures
 6. Shoot a minimum score of 50% OR keep all 5 shots within a 5-1/2" group.

b. One-Handed (Target) Standing Position

- i. Students will use the same pistol as used in the Isosceles position shooting qualifications.
- ii. Students will shoot at a B-2 target at 50 feet.
- iii. Cartridges must be loaded 5 at a time.
- iv. Load and fire 5 rounds in 5 minutes from the Target/One-Handed standing position at one (1) target and then, upon command, cease fire, reload and fire 5 rounds in 5 minutes from the same position at the same target.
- v. To successfully qualify, students must
 1. Follow range commands
 2. Follow proper loading procedures as outlined in NRA Handbook *The Basics of Pistol Shooting*
 3. Assume the proper shooting position as outlined in *The Basics of Pistol Shooting*
 4. Correctly execute other essential pistol shooting fundamentals as described in pistol handbook
 5. Observe NRA Gun Safety Rules and other applicable range rules and procedures
 6. Shoot a minimum score of 50% OR keep all 5 shots within a 5-1/2" group.

c. Training Counselor's Choice of Position (Chapman or Weaver)

- i. Students will use the pistol/action type NOT used in a. and b., above)
- ii. Students will shoot at a B-2 target at 50 feet.
- iii. All cartridges must be loaded 5 at a time.
- iv. Load and fire 5 rounds in 5 minutes from the chosen position at one (1) target.
- v. To successfully qualify, students must
 1. Follow range commands
 2. Follow proper loading procedures as outlined in NRA Handbook *The Basics of Pistol Shooting*
 3. Assume the proper shooting position as outlined in *The Basics of Pistol Shooting*
 4. Correctly execute other essential pistol shooting fundamentals as described in pistol handbook
 5. Observe NRA Gun Safety Rules and other applicable range rules and procedures
 6. Shoot a minimum score of 50% OR keep all 5 shots within a 5-1/2" group.

*** NOTE: ANY caliber firearm may be used for the pre-course assessment as long as they conform to single- or double-action revolver and semi-auto pistol in the proscribed exercises.**

***** Students are encouraged to bring their own .22LR firearms to use for qualification shooting. Either iron sights or optics are allowed. If you do not own a .22LR revolver and/or a semi-automatic pistol they will be provided by Kenmore Range. The firearms provided are a Smith & Wesson Model 617 revolver or a Ruger 22/45 Mark III semi-auto.***

****** Students qualifying at Kenmore Range will be shooting at a B-17 target at 25 yards (50% score or 8-1/4 inch grouping).***