



DRE School is extremely demanding. To receive certification as a DRE, two phases of training must be completed, the following summarizes each phase.

ACADEMIC TRAINING

This phase is typically conducted over two weeks (9 days 5 first week and 4 second week for a total of 72 class hours). It includes courses in physiology, vital signs, Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST), and extensive information on each of the seven categories of the drugs of abuse. The training includes written examinations, a SFST proficiency examination and daily quizzes. Students must achieve a minimum of 80% on the three examinations, and must demonstrate proficiency in administering SFSTs in order to progress to the certification phase.

CERTIFICATION PHASE (Field Certs)

After successfully completing the academic portion, the students must complete the certification phase. It is the student's responsibility to complete the certification requirements within six months following the DRE School. These requirements include: conducting a minimum of 12 drug influence evaluations while under the supervision of a DRE instructor; identifying subjects under the influence of four of the seven drug categories; and attaining a 75% toxicological confirmation rate. In addition, the student must maintain a progress log, a rolling log, and submit a curriculum vitae. We will travel out of State for these, the location is to be determined.

Finally, the student must pass a comprehensive final knowledge examination (which will be held at the same location as the 2-week class) and obtain the written endorsement of two certified DRE instructors.

DRE certification is valid for two years. In order to maintain certification, DREs must conduct a minimum of four evaluations every two years, submit an updated rolling log, an updated curriculum vitae, and attend 8 hours of approved continuing education training.

To be considered for DRE training, the applicant **must** meet the following criteria:

Must have a minimum of two years of law enforcement service.

Must be off probation with your agency.

Must be working in patrol with your agency.

Must be trained in SFSTs and proficient in their use.

Must have completed ARIDE. No exceptions.

Must have a reasonable background and experience level of making DUI arrests.

Must have an endorsement/recommendation from your agency Supervisor.

Must have an endorsement/recommendation from a DRE or MSTIDE Instructor.

Must submit a minimum of two actual DUI arrest reports for review.