

FOR NRA Instructor courses:

NRA policy is you must have successfully completed both the Basic Instructor Training (BIT) and the discipline basic course before attending the discipline instructor course.

Basic courses are scheduled and taught by NRA Certified Instructors while instructor courses are scheduled and taught by NRA Training Counselors (TC).

You may take the basic course with any certified instructor; in that case, when attending an instructor candidate course, the Training Counselor will need a copy of the certificate signed by the instructor to validate that you have completed the basic course.

The disciplines are: home firearms safety, pistol, shotgun, rifle, muzzle loading, personal protection inside (PPItH) or outside the home (PPOtH), concealed carry weapon (CCW), metallic or shotshell reloading, range safety.

BIT is the same class for all instructor disciplines and covers the NRA training policies, course planning, team development, budgeting, etc. BIT is required to be current anytime you take an instructor course and is current for two years. After two years a refresher course must be taken IF you are adding any instructor ratings to your credentials.

BIT courses are not found separately for registration in the NRA system as it is part of the instructor courses and is scheduled for you as needed by the Training Counselor. BIT courses may be taught concurrent with the discipline course or as stand-alone courses associated with several discipline instructor courses, dependent on how the TC is scheduling the courses.

So, in sequence (pistol example, others are similar):

1. Take the Basics of Pistol Shooting course
2. Take the BIT class
3. Take the Pistol Instructor Course

You may start with any discipline, unless there are prerequisite course requirements.

Some courses have prerequisite course requirements for the instructor rating; you must be a pistol instructor before you may take CCW or the personal protection courses; you must be a current RSO and complete BIT to take the CRSO course.

Example for personal protection:

4. Take the NRA Basic PPItH course
5. Take the NRA PPItH instructor course Instructor course
6. Take the NRA Basic PPOtH course
7. Take the NRA PPOtH instructor course Instructor course

Find my courses listed at www.sheckels.com with links to register.

Find NRA courses from any instructor / Training Counselor at www.nrainstructors.org/search.aspx.

FEES: You will have two fees for each rating: training and credentialing

- 1) Training fees for each class – your amount depends on which of the classes you must attend. This is the fee we invoice to you.
- 2) The second fee is you NRA credentialing fees; this is paid every two years to maintain your credentials as current.
 - a. NEW INSTRUCTORS/RSOs: NRA members pay \$35.00, and non-members pay \$60.00. You will pay this after the class is complete and you have passed all tests and exercises and we have submitted the course report. You will pay this online directly to NRA from within your personal NRA Instructors account.
 - b. If you are a current NRA Instructor or RSO, you will pay add-on fees of \$30.00 if you are not an NRA member; or \$15.00 for NRA members.

If you are not an NRA member, and wish to join, please use this link:

<https://membership.nrahq.org/forms/signup.asp?campaignid=XI020092>

This link will show you membership opportunities with a discount off the regular member dues.

I suggest you do this early so your NRA number will be returned to you in time for adding it to the class roster.