

12 NCAC 09B .0304 SPECIALIZED INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION

(a) The Commission shall issue a Specialized Instructor Certification to an applicant who has developed specific motor skills and abilities by virtue of special training and demonstrated experience in one or more of the following topical areas:

- (1) Subject Control Arrest Techniques;
- (2) First Responder;
- (3) Firearms;
- (4) Law Enforcement Driver Training;
- (5) Physical Fitness;
- (6) Restraint, Control and Defense Techniques (Department of Public Safety, Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice);
- (7) Medical Emergencies (Department of Public Safety, Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice); or
- (8) Explosive and Hazardous Materials Emergencies.

(b) To qualify for and maintain any Specialized Instructor Certification, an applicant shall possess a valid CPR Certification that includes cognitive and skills testing, through the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute, or National Safety Council.

(c) An applicant shall achieve a minimum score of 75 percent on the comprehensive written exam, as specified in Rule .0414 of this Subchapter in order to qualify for Specialized Instructor Certification in the following topical areas:

- (1) Subject Control Arrest Techniques;
- (2) Firearms;
- (3) Law Enforcement Driver Training;
- (4) Physical Fitness; and
- (5) Explosive and Hazardous Materials Emergencies.

(d) To qualify for Specialized Instructor Certification in the Subject Control Arrest Techniques topical area, an applicant shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) Hold General Instructor Certification, either probationary status or full general instructor status, as specified in Rule .0303 of this Section;
- (2) Complete the pertinent Commission-approved specialized instructor course; and
- (3) Obtain the recommendation of a Commission-certified school director or in-service training coordinator.

(e) To qualify for Specialized Instructor Certification in the First Responder topical area, an applicant shall satisfy one of the following two options:

- (1) The first option is:
 - (A) Hold CPR instructor certification through the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute, or National Safety Council;
 - (B) Hold, or have held, basic Emergency Medical Technician certification;
 - (C) Have completed the Department of Transportation's 40 hour EMT Instructor Course or equivalent within the last three years or hold a North Carolina Professional Educator's License, issued by the Department of Public Instruction; and
 - (D) Obtain the recommendation of a Commission-certified school director or in-service training coordinator.
- (2) The second option is:
 - (A) Hold General Instructor Certification, either probationary status or full general instructor status, as specified in Rule .0303 of this Section;
 - (B) Hold CPR instructor certification through the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute or National Safety Council;
 - (C) Hold, or have held, basic EMT certification; and
 - (D) Obtain the recommendation of a Commission-certified school director or in-service training coordinator.

(f) To qualify for Specialized Instructor Certification in the Firearms topical area, an applicant shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) Hold General Instructor Certification, either probationary status or full general instructor status, as specified in Rule .0303 of this Section;
- (2) Complete the Commission-approved specialized firearms instructor training course; and

- (3) Obtain the recommendation of a Commission-certified school director or in-service training coordinator.
- (g) To qualify for Specialized Instructor Certification in the Law Enforcement Driver Training topical area, an applicant shall meet the following requirements:
- (1) Hold General Instructor Certification, either probationary status or full general instructor status, as specified in Rule .0303 of this Section;
 - (2) Complete the Commission-approved specialized driver instructor training course; and
 - (3) Obtain the recommendation of a Commission-certified school director or in-service training coordinator.
- (h) To qualify for Specialized Instructor Certification in the Physical Fitness topical area, an applicant shall become certified through one of the following two methods:
- (1) The first method is:
 - (A) hold General Instructor Certification, either probationary status or full general instructor status, as specified in Rule .0303 of this Section;
 - (B) complete the Commission-approved specialized physical fitness instructor training course; and
 - (C) obtain the recommendation of a Commission-certified School Director.
 - (2) The second method is:
 - (A) Complete the Commission-approved specialized physical fitness instructor training course;
 - (B) obtain the recommendation of a Commission-certified School director or in-service training coordinator; and
 - (C) meet one of the following qualifications:
 - (i) hold a valid North Carolina Professional Educator's License, issued by the Department of Public Instruction, hold a baccalaureate degree in physical education, and be presently teaching in physical education topics; or
 - (ii) be presently instructing physical education topics in a community college, college, or university and hold a baccalaureate degree in physical education.
- (i) To qualify for Specialized Instructor Certification in the Department of Public Safety, Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice Restraint, Control and Defense Techniques topical area, an applicant shall meet the following requirements:
- (1) Hold General Instructor Certification, either probationary status or full general instructor status, as specified in Rule .0303 of this Section;
 - (2) Complete the Commission-approved corrections specialized instructor training – controls, restraints, and defensive techniques course; and
 - (3) Obtain the recommendation of a Commission-certified school director.
- (j) To qualify for Specialized Instructor Certification in the Department of Public Safety, Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice Medical Emergencies topical area, an applicant shall meet the following requirements:
- (1) Have completed a Commission-certified basic instructor training course or an equivalent instructor training course utilizing the Instructional Systems Design model, an international model with applications in education, military training, and private enterprise;
 - (2) Hold instructor certification in CPR and First Aid by the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute, or National Safety Council; and
 - (3) Obtain the recommendation of a Commission-certified school director.
- (k) To qualify for Specialized Instructor Certification in the Explosive and Hazardous Materials Emergencies topical area, an applicant shall satisfy one of the following two options:
- (1) The first option is:
 - (A) hold General Instructor Certification, either probationary status or full general instructor status, as specified in Rule .0303 of this Section;
 - (B) Complete the Commission-approved specialized explosives and hazardous materials instructor training course; and
 - (C) obtain the recommendation of a Commission-certified school director or in-service training coordinator.
 - (2) The second option is:

- (A) have completed the Fire Service Instructor Methodology Course or the equivalent utilizing the Instructional Systems Design model, an international model with applications in education, military training, and private enterprise;
- (B) Complete the Commission-approved specialized explosives and hazardous materials instructor training course; and
- (C) obtain the recommendation of a Commission-certified school director or in-service training coordinator.

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