



# CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR

## How to Become a USCCA Instructor

### Before the Instructor Training:

- Order Instructor Toolkit:** Call the USCCA to Order Your USCCA eLearning & Instructor Toolkit at 877-577-4800. This kit includes the eLearning Training and Instructor Toolkit for an easy, one-time cost of \$250. Absolutely no exceptions to ordering and completing the eLearning.
- Complete eLearning:** Complete the required eLearning Training before the Instructor Training.  
The physical toolkit will be mailed after you pass the instructor training. This could include 10 course books, USCCA Instructor logo shirt and hat, and other items – The USCCA can give you more details on the toolkit.
- Practice the required shooting qualification for the USCCA Instructor Training. Please note that you only get 2 attempts to pass at the training. [Click here to get to the page with the qualification.](#)
- Sign up for Armed2Defend's USCCA Instructor Training – [Click here for dates and details.](#)

### At the Instructor Training:

The USCCA Instructor training is a combination of lessons and role playing. We'll go through the instructor requirements and you'll get a chance to practice your teaching skills.

One of the major pass/fail for this course is going to be your attitude. Only instructor candidates that prove that they will represent the USCCA in an appropriate manor will be able to become certified. If you come with an open mind and a positive attitude, then you'll do great.

### **Test and Shooting Qualification:**

- There is an open book/notes test that you need to pass to become certified. All material is covered in the course and can easily be referenced in your notes or course information.
- The [shooting qualification is listed here](#) so be sure to PRACTICE! The basic guideline is that if you can't complete it before the course, don't plan to be able to complete it at the instructor training. We're here to help, but remember that this is an instructor level course, not a beginner's class.

### After the Instructor Training:

Your Training Counselor will submit your passing qualifications to the USCCA.

After **2-weeks**, the USCCA will send you the welcome information, mail your toolkit, and create your login on the USCCA Instructor Portal.

At this point you'll have full access to the training material and you're ready to teach!

Armed2Defend and the USCCA is here to help. So as an instructor please don't hesitate to contact with questions. We all want you to be the best firearms instructor that you can be.



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# What to Bring to Training

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## Gun and Ammunition:

**Handgun & Ammunition:** You can bring either a semi-automatic or a revolver. It must be unloaded including magazines/speed-loaders and in a closed, bag, box, or case. **Do not handle or load your gun until you are instructed to do so. Absolutely no exceptions!**

- **Caliber:** It must be a 9 mm, 38 special, or higher caliber. No AR style or rifle calibers.
- **Ammunition:** Plan to bring at least 200 rounds. We don't have restrictions on cases or bullets.
- **Holster:** This course does not teach you how to draw from a holster, but to simplify the range training, you're welcome to use a strong side hip holster to hold your unloaded gun on the range. But only after directed to do so.
- **Extra Magazine/Reloader Pouches:** Your welcome to wear a pouch to hold your reloads.
- Store your unloaded gun in your car until instructed to retrieve it. Be that your gun is always unloaded until instructed to be loaded.
- Please store your ammunition separate from your gun. That way we can use your gun in the classroom without your ammunition.

## Attire:

Since this is an instructor training, please dress like an instructor.

Most of the class will be in the conditioned classroom. For the range portion, please dress for the weather. We're under cover but it is outdoors. Please wear typical range attire.

Eye and ear protection for the range time or I can provide it.

## Note Taking Materials:

Please bring pens, paper, highlighters, and post-it-notes to help you take notes.

I will provide a 3-ring binder to hold any handouts that I give you.

## Food, Drinks, Snacks:

This is an all-day course, please feel free to bring any snacks, drinks, or food that you would like.

I'll provide, sodas and other drinks, and some snacks.

For lunch and dinner, I'll order delivery from a local restaurant.



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# USCCA Instructor Course Agenda

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## Start Time: 9:00 a.m.

Times listed are only a guide. Actual times will vary based on the class participants. Breaks and lunch will be included throughout the training. The actual end time will vary based on class participants.

<b>Day One</b>	<b>Classroom Only</b>
<b>8:30 - 9:00 a.m.</b>	Check-in and registration
<b>9:00 - 11:00 a.m.</b>	Lesson 1: Instruction and review of agenda, course objectives, FAQs and USCCA Code of Conduct
<b>11:00 - 1:00 p.m.</b>	Lesson 2: Top Instructor Mistakes
<b>1:00 - 3:00 p.m.</b>	Lesson 3: Teaching Best Practices -Practical Exercise: Presenting Using the Discussion (Personal) Model
<b>3:00 - 5:00 p.m.</b>	Practical Exercises with 3-4 minute Presentations: -“Developing a Personal Protection Plan” -“Self-Defense Basics” -“Defensive Shooting Fundamentals”
<b>Day Two</b>	<b>Classroom and Range Training</b>
<b>9:00 - 11:00 a.m.</b>	Practical Exercises Team Teaching 20 minute Presentations: -“The Legal Use of Force” -“Violent Encounters and the Aftermath”
<b>11:00 - Noon</b>	Practical exercise: “Planning an Instructor Course”
<b>Noon - 3:00 p.m.</b>	Lesson 4 - Running a Safe Range -Practical Exercise: Range Management (Virtual) -Practical Exercise: Range Management (Live Fire) <b>Instructor Candidate Shooting Qualification</b>
<b>3:00 - 3:30 p.m.</b>	Final Q&A
<b>3:30 - 5:00 p.m.</b>	Test & Course Wrap-up



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## USCCA Instructor Shooting Qualification

**Scoring:** The student will be scored based upon his or her actual shooting score, as well as a go/no-go score based upon the adherence to the universal safety rules and proper responses to instructor commands. Student CAN fail this exercise. There is one re-shoot allowed. (50 rounds each attempt; need 80%, 40/50, to “pass”)

### **Universal Safety Rules Must Be Followed At ALL Times:**

- 1:** Treat all guns as though they are always loaded, and always perform a clearance check every time you pick one up!
- 2:** Never point your gun at anything that you are not willing to destroy!
- 3:** Keep your finger OFF the trigger and outside the trigger guard until you are on target and have made the decision to shoot!
- 4:** Always be sure of your target and beyond!

### **Qualification Course of Fire:**

#### **Stage 1**

- Distance: 4 yards (12 feet)
- Rounds: 15 rounds

#### **Stage 2**

- Distance: 7 yards (21 feet)
- Rounds: 15 rounds

#### **Stage 3**

- Distance: 10 yards (30 feet)
- Rounds: 10 rounds

#### **Stage 4**

- Distance: 15 yards (45 feet)
- Rounds: 10 rounds

Must score at least 80% or 40/50 hits to pass

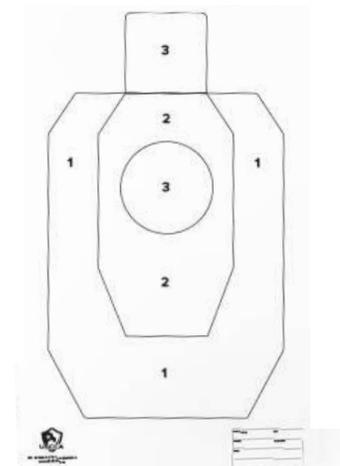
Safety rule violations will also result in a fail

Only 2 shooting attempts are allowed (initial shooting attempt and then 1 re-shoot)

No Instructor Candidate is guaranteed to pass

**Target:** The center 6.75 inch circle of the USCCA Target.

<https://www.usconcealedcarry.com/product/uscca-shooting-targets/>



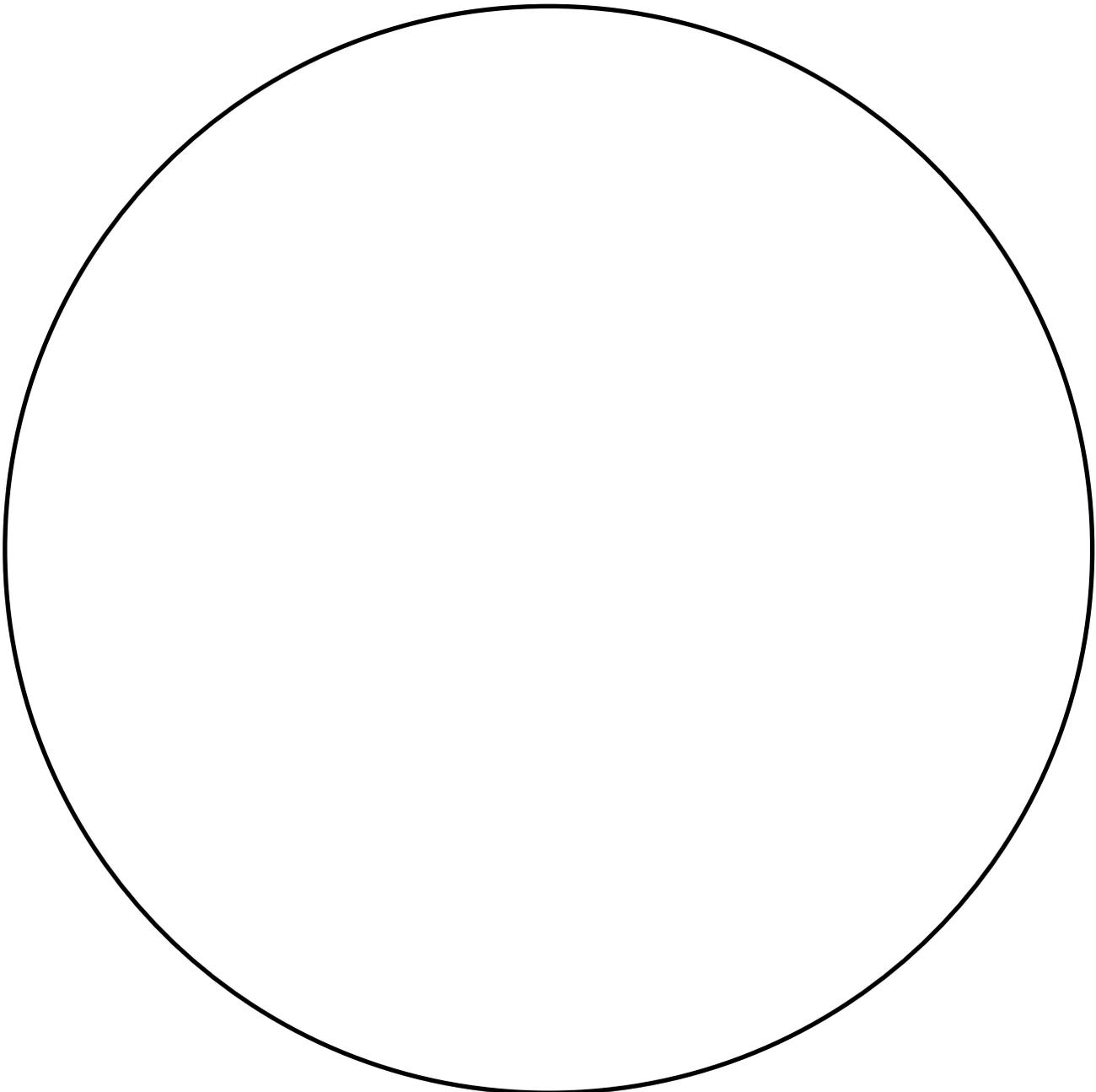


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**\$247/YEAR**

**\$500,000**

Civil Suit Defense And Damages

**\$100,000**

Criminal Defense Protection  
Up-Front Attorney Retainer

**\$5,000 / \$50,000**

Up-Front Bail Bond Funding\*

**\$350 / day**

Compensation While In Civil  
Court

**\$3,000**

Personal Hardship Coverage

**\$3,000**

Psychological Support



**PLATINUM**

**\$1,150,000**

in Self-Defense SHIELD Protection

**\$30/MONTH**

**\$347/YEAR**

**\$1,000,000**

Civil Suit Defense And Damages

**\$150,000**

Criminal Defense Protection  
Up-Front Attorney Retainer

**\$25,000 / \$250,000**

Up-Front Bail Bond Funding\*

**\$500 / day**

Compensation While In Civil  
Court

**\$4,000**

Personal Hardship Coverage

**\$4,000**

Psychological Support



**ELITE**

**\$2,250,000**

in Self-Defense SHIELD Protection

**\$47/MONTH**

**\$497/YEAR**

**\$2,000,000**

Civil Suit Defense And Damages

**\$250,000**

Criminal Defense Protection  
Up-Front Attorney Retainer

**\$50,000 / \$500,000**

Up-Front Bail Bond Funding\*

**\$750 / day**

Compensation While In Civil  
Court

**\$6,000**

Personal Hardship Coverage

**\$6,000**

Psychological Support

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\*Bail bonds only require a 10% payment of the full amount, so \$50,000 would cover a \$500,000 bail bond.

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**Instructor Development:  
Learning Styles**

Name:

Date:

## PLEASE BE SURE TO BRING YOUR RESULTS WITH YOU TO CLASS!

For this practical exercise, you will engage in a 70-question inventory that will help identify which learning styles are most prominent for you.\*

### Instructions:

Read each statement carefully and thoroughly, but answer without thinking too deeply.

Be sure to record each answer in the following manner:

0 - The statement is nothing like me.

1 - The statement is partially like me.

2 - The statement is very much like me.

When you are done with the inventory, "score" your paper by using the following key:

Add answers for 8, 11, 29, 32, 38, 43, 57, 59, 65 and 69 =

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Add answers for 3, 21, 28, 33, 42, 47, 51, 55, 60 and 66 =

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Add answers for 7, 15, 25, 30, 35, 39, 44, 48, 52 and 63 =

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Add answers for 19, 24, 26, 34, 36, 45, 53, 56, 61 and 68 =

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Add answers for 2, 4, 16, 22, 31, 41, 49, 58, 64 and 70 =

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Add answers for 6, 10, 13, 18, 20, 23, 27, 40, 50 and 62 =

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Add answers for 1, 5, 9, 12, 14, 17, 37, 46, 54 and 67 =

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\*The free inventory questions and scoring first appeared in the Memletics Accelerated Learning Manual, written and published by Advanogy Publishing in 2003. There are also many more, free online options out there for you to re-search or use.



1. You like to think out ideas, problems or issues while doing something physical.
2. You enjoy dancing.
3. You solve problems by "thinking aloud" – talking through issues, questions, possible solutions, etc.
4. You occasionally realize you are tapping in time to music, or you naturally start to hum or whistle a tune. Even after only hearing a tune a few times, you can remember it.
5. You like getting out of the house and being with others at parties and other social events.
6. You like logic games and brainteasers. You like chess and other strategy games.
7. You like crosswords, scrabble and other word games.
8. You can play a musical instrument or sing on (or close to) key.
9. You read self-help books, have been to self-help workshops or have done similar work to learn more about yourself.
10. You prefer to work for yourself – or you have thought a lot about it.
11. You like making puns, saying tongue-twisters and making rhymes.
12. You have a good sense of color.
13. You pay attention to the sounds of various things. You can tell the difference between instruments, or cars, or aircraft, based on their sound.
14. You use specific examples and references to support your points of view.
15. You like playing games, such as cards and board games, with others.
16. You easily express yourself, whether it's verbal or written. You can give clear explanations to others.
17. You like books with lots of diagrams or illustrations.
18. You would prefer to vacation on a deserted island more than a resort or cruise ship with lots of other people around.
19. You are OK with taking the lead and showing others the way ahead.
20. You use a specific step-by-step process to work out problems.
21. You like visual arts, such as painting and sculpture. You like jigsaws and mazes.
22. You like gardening or working with your hands in the shed out back.
23. You think independently. You know how you think and you make up your own mind. You understand your own strengths and weaknesses.
24. Music evokes strong emotions and images as you listen to it. Music is prominent in your recall of memories
25. You are a tinkerer. You like pulling things apart, and they usually go back together OK. You can easily follow instructions represented in diagrams.



26. You like to understand how and why things work. You keep up-to-date with science and technology.
27. You easily absorb information through reading, audiobooks or lectures. The actual words come back to you easily.
28. You like the texture and feel of clothes, furniture and other objects.
29. You would prefer to physically touch or handle something to understand how it works.
30. You hear small things that others don't.
31. You use diagrams and scribbles to communicate ideas and concepts. You love whiteboards (and color pens).
32. You easily work with numbers and can do decent calculations in your head.
33. You draw well and find yourself drawing or doodling on a notepad when thinking.
34. You are overly sensitive to activities that involve physical movement. For example, you might love the theme park rides that involve lots of physical action, OR you hate them because of the effect the physical forces have on your body.
35. You don't like the sound of silence. You would prefer to have some background music or other noises more than silence.
36. You prefer team games and sports such as football/soccer, basketball, volleyball, etc.
37. You communicate well with others and often act as a mediator between them.
38. You keep a journal or personal diary to record your thoughts.
39. You enjoy finding relationships between numbers and objects. You like to categorize or group things to help you understand the relationships between them.
40. In regular conversation, you frequently use references to other things you have heard or read.
41. You spend time alone to reflect and think about important aspects of your life.
42. You like being a mentor or guide for others.
43. You prefer to study or work alone.
44. You navigate well and use maps with ease. You rarely get lost. You have a good sense of direction. You usually know which way is North.
45. You love sports and exercise.
46. You are goal-oriented and know the directions you are going.
47. You can easily visualize objects, buildings, situations etc. from plans or descriptions.
48. You like to read everything: books, newspapers, magazines, menus, signs, milk cartons, etc.
49. You enjoy learning in classroom-style surroundings with other people. You enjoy the interaction to help your learning.



50. You are happy in your own company. You like to do some things alone and away from others.
51. Math and science were your preferred subjects in school.
52. Jingles, themes or parts of songs pop into your head at random.
53. You put together itineraries and agendas for travel. You put together detailed lists, such as to-do lists, and you number and prioritize them.
54. You prefer to talk over problems, issues or ideas with others, rather than working on them by yourself.
55. You have a great vocabulary and like using the right word at the right time.
56. In school you liked wood or metal working, craft, sculpture, or pottery classes.
57. You use rhythm or rhyme to remember things like phone numbers, passwords or other little sayings.
58. You like using a camera or video camera to capture the world around you.
59. You like identifying logic flaws in other people's words and actions.
60. You love telling stories, metaphors or anecdotes.
61. In school you preferred art, technical drawing and geometry.
62. Music was your favorite subject in school.
63. You have a personal or private interest or hobby that you like to do alone.
64. You like making models or working out jigsaws.
65. English, languages and literature were favorite subjects in school.
66. You use lots of hand gestures or other physical body language when communicating with others.
67. You have several very close friends.
68. You can balance a checkbook, and you like to set budgets and other numerical goals.
69. You like listening to music – in the car, while studying or at work (if possible).
70. You like to listen. People like to talk to you because they feel you understand them.

