

NDOT HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE
Drug Evaluation and Classification Program
Nebraska Drug Recognition Expert Instructor

Application

The DRE Instructor is an important part of the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program. DRE Instructors are responsible for teaching in DRE Schools as well as observing, evaluating, and verifying the performance of candidate DRE's and witnessing evaluations for certified DRE Officers as required for DRE recertification.

Because of the highly technical nature of the functions performed by the Drug Recognition Expert, only persons experienced in the techniques of drug evaluation should instruct in the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program. In general, these instructors will be certified Drug Recognition Experts with experience in performing drug evaluations, and in providing testimony in court. Dedicated, qualified instructors are critical to the continued success of the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program.

To be considered for DRE Instructor training, the applicant must meet the following criteria.

- Must be a current Drug Recognition Expert in good standing
- Minimum of one year of experience as a certified DRE
- Shall have conducted at least 20 enforcement evaluations
- Must be approved by immediate supervisor and the head of the agency to attend IDC
- Must complete 8 hours of instruction at next DRE School and observe no less than 4 evaluations during the field certification of the DRE School
- Must provide a letter of recommendation from a current Drug Recognition Expert Instructor
- Must provide a letter of recommendation from a Prosecutor
- Must provide a copy of their DRE rolling log and updated CV

To maintain Instructor Status once certified:

A DRE Instructor **must** have 8 hours of instruction time in either ARIDE or DRE School since their last certification and observe 4 evaluations during the field certification phase of the DRE School.

LOCATION: Bellevue Fire Training Facility, 3100 Cornhusker Rd. Bellevue, NE

DATES AND TIMES:

Schedule	Dates	Time (Military)	CST
Day 1 – 5	July 14 – 18, 2025	0800 hrs. – 1700 hrs.	08:00 a.m. – 5:00 pm

Attendance is mandatory for all sessions of the course.

Participants will then work with the State DRE Training Coordinator to teach at the next DRE training school.

REGISTRATION FEES, MEALS, AND LODGING:

- There is no registration fee for Nebraska officers.
- All course materials and equipment are provided (Laptops not provided)
- Participants are responsible for their own meals and transportation.
- Lodging is provided near the training site for participants who are located or will have to travel more than 60 miles to attend the training.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: June 7, 2025

**DRE Instructor Development Course
APPLICATION FORM**

Name _____ Title _____

Agency _____

Agency Address _____

Agency E-Mail _____ Other Email _____
(required) (optional)

Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

SFST Training Date _____ ARIDE Training Date _____

Will you need lodging for this training? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please provide the dates you will need lodging: _____

I have read the requirements, understand the responsibilities of this training, and agree to participate in the DRE Instructor program.

Applicants Signature _____ Date _____

I have read the requirements of this training and recommend this candidate for the DRE Instructor Program.

Command Signature _____ Rank _____ Date _____

Must Include with application

- Letter of recommendation from current DRE Instructor
- Letter of recommendation from Prosecutor
- Copy of DRE rolling log
- Copy of Updated CV

If you have any questions, please contact Dustin Stewart @ 402-471-3880 or via email.

Please send completed applications to: dustin.stewart@nebraska.gov

Class size is limited – you will be contacted once your registration is approved.