

COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT

Drug Evaluation and Classification Training

“The Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) School”

The Connecticut Department of Transportation Highway Safety Office, in coordination with the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Police Officer Standards and Training Council’s Field Services Training Division, has scheduled a **“Drug Recognition Expert” (DRE) training class on Monday, September 9, 2019 through Friday, September 13, 2019 and Monday, September 16, 2019 through Friday, September 20, 2019** at Goodwin College, 1 Riverside Drive, East Hartford, CT 06118. Course hours will be between 0800 hours and 1930 hours, depending on the needs of the instructor and scheduled training activities.

Prerequisites: This course is only open to police officers that are SFST and ARIDE certified. [A copy of the DRE School application is attached.](#) Enrollment is limited to eighteen students. Selection interviews will be held in August.

The 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 training is typically conducted over a two week period (approximately 72 to 80 hours) and includes two phases of a DRE pre-school and school. The curriculum contains 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 three written examinations, a SFST proficiency examination, and five written quizzes. Students must achieve a minimum of 80% on the three examinations and must demonstrate proficiency in administering the SFST in order to progress to the certification phase.

Certification Training: Field certification evaluations will be conducted at the Maricopa County Jail in Phoenix, Arizona. The class will be split into two groups. Each group will be scheduled for one week of training.

The tentative field certification dates are: *Sunday, October 13, 2019 through Friday, October 18, 2019 and Sunday, October 20, 2019 through Friday, October 25, 2019.*

Students will be able to complete all of their required field evaluations and complete the final knowledge examination in Arizona.

There is no tuition cost for the DRE School. Field certification travel costs (airfare, lodging, meals) are 100% reimbursable by the Connecticut Department of Transportation Highway Safety Office after successful completion of both the academic portion and the certification phase. It is the student's responsibility to complete the certification requirement within three months following the DRE School. These requirements include conducting a minimum of twelve drug influence evaluations, while under the supervision of a DRE instructor, identifying subjects under the influence of three of the seven drug categories, and attaining a 75% toxicological confirmation rate. In addition, the student must pass a comprehensive final knowledge examination and obtain the written endorsement of two certified DRE instructors.

DRE certification is valid for two years. In order to maintain certification, DRE's must conduct a minimum of four evaluations every two years, submit an updated rolling log, an updated Curriculum Vitae, and attend eight hours of approved recertification training.

All students must successfully complete all work assignments, including homework, and all other components of this training program within the time period allowed. Students are expected to be punctual for all classes and assignments.

Students who successfully complete the course will receive Review Training Credit as follows: Curriculum Area III: Practical Skills (2) hours; Curriculum Area V: Criminal Investigation (16) hours; Curriculum Area VI: Patrol Procedures (2) hours.

For this course, the uniform dress code for POSTC In-Service Trainings, (POSTC General Notice 90-03), will be in effect. There is no tuition for this course. Lunch may be purchased at nearby restaurants.

Mail or scan the application and all related documents into a single PDF file and email the file to Robert.Klin@ct.gov by **July 12, 2019**

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