



Practical Arms Training Academy



Frequently Asked CCH Questions:

Is this class required to apply for the conceal carry handgun (CCH) permit?

Yes, the NC State Law requires everyone who wants to carry a concealed firearm first take a 8 hour concealed carry class. Among many other topics this class covers the laws of North Carolina and firearm safety. This is only a starting point to carrying a firearm responsibly. We encourage ongoing training to become competent with your firearm.

It is your 2nd amendment right to keep and bear arms. However, you must earn the privilege to conceal your firearm if taken off your property!

How old must I be to take the CCH class?

You must be 21 years or older to take the CCH Class. If under 21 you can take the class only if your parent or guardian is with you and taking the class and they sign the release forms.

What time will the class start?

Unless you have scheduled a private class the class will start promptly at 8 am on Saturday. Please be courteous of others and be on time.

Where will the class be held?

We hold classes in the greater Charlotte area and often instruct private classes within communities, homes and private ranges. Classes are typically held at 8181 Concord Mills Blvd., Concord, NC 28027. Please check the class schedule to verify.

Does it matter which County I live in to take your class?

No, the class is good for all counties in NC. It does not matter which county you live in as long as you are a resident of NC.

Where is the firing range? We have access to 3 private ranges but most often shoot at a private range in Concord, NC. The location will be provided in the class.

Can I apply for my CCH in a county other than the one I live in?

You must be applying for your hand gun permit in the county you reside.

What type of target will we be shooting at?

We will meet the NC requirements by using the "bull's eye" and/or "Silhouette" targets. These will be used in accordance to NC regulations as they are approximately the same size as a person's chest cavity and it is an approved target.



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Will I need to get anything before class to study?

No, books and information will be given to you on the day of the class. The class will consist of videos, power point and hands on training.

I'm not very familiar with firearms; do I need to practice with one before I come to your class?

We suggest you take a basic firearm class. However, we will go over the fundamentals of the correct way to hold, aim, and shoot a firearm. We have had several people who have never picked up a firearm before class, after instruction from us everyone has done great. We always instruct the fundamentals of safety in every class we instruct.

What about lunch and bathroom breaks?

We usually take lunch around 12 noon after we finish with the legal block of instruction. We take a bathroom break every hour or as needed. You will get 30 min. for lunch and we suggest that you bring your own lunch to save on time. There's a restaurant on site along with access to snacks and drinks.

Do I need to have a permit before I take the class?

No, you do not need a gun permit before taking this class.

Will we still shoot if there is bad weather the day of the class?

This will depend on the situation. If it is thundering, lightning and/or pouring rain we will not shoot and qualifying will need to be rescheduled. We will schedule a rain date and we will try and make this as convenient as we can for everyone. We can shoot individually or as a group. For example if the class is on a Saturday, if possible we will shoot on Sunday. Be sure to dress for the weather.

Do I need to have a firearm before class?

No, if you do not have a firearm you can use ours to qualify. We offer a rental package which includes a firearm rental, eye protection, ear protection and 50 rounds of ammo.

I know someone who has a firearm I can use, is this ok?

Yes, this will be fine if you know someone who has a firearm that will let you use it for the class. Let them show you the safety features and operation of the firearm along with how to load and unload safely.



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How do I transport my firearm to the class?

Anytime you have a firearm in the vehicle and you don't have a CCH permit, keep the firearm in an area that is not accessible to the passenger's compartment (i.e. trunk), with the firearm unloaded, and the action open. The state looks as to the location and the accessibility of the firearm, if it is in reach of you or the passengers you could be cited, Remember keep the firearm secure and away from others.

What do I need the day of the class?

You will need to bring your firearm, a box of factory ammo that matches the caliber of your firearm, along with eye and ear protection. (NO RE-LOADS)

I'm not sure I can get a CCH permit, how can I find out?

If you're not sure you can get a conceal carry permit see the NC Firearm Laws on the NC Department of Justice website for disqualifying offenses. You can also apply for a pistol permit at a cost of \$5.00 before you start spending a lot of money on something you can't use. You may also want to call an attorney and meet with them if you're still not sure. If you are a felon or have any record of violence you should contact the Sheriff's office in the county you live and/or your attorney before taking this class.

Is there a caliber or gun restriction when qualifying for Concealed Carry?

No, there's no caliber restriction, however we ask that you do not bring a single action cowboy style revolver for qualifying. This type of firearm is not suitable for CCH and it typically takes longer to load & unload and slows down the class.

Why do you require people to pay for the class in advance?

When you register for a class I make a certificate in your name, this certificate has a seal and can not be reused. Also, we need a headcount in advance to order the training material and handbooks from the department of justice.

THIS IS WHY THERE ARE NO REFUNDS!

Why do you take my picture?

We take pictures of you with your target and store it and often put on the internet. If you don't want your picture on the site just inform us in advance. We will keep the picture for proof that you qualified. All information about you is PRIVATE and NEVER released to anyone without your permission or a court order.



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What should I do if the class is canceled?

We try not to cancel a class if we have 5 or more students. If for some reason the class has to be cancelled due to sickness or something the students will be informed of the next available classes to enroll.

What training material do you provide?

We provide instruction, class study materials, and hand book by the department of justice along with targets. If you need to use our firearm to qualify please let us know in advance.

When do I receive the certificate from you?

You will get the certificate after you have completed the class room work, taken the written exam and qualified with your firearm.

How much time do I have to take the certificate to the sheriff's dept?

North Carolina does not have an expiration date from the time you have completed the class. However, I recommend that you contact the Sheriff's office on the 1st business day after the class to schedule your appointment.

Why is your class so inexpensive when other classes are \$165 and up?

I do not make a living teaching this class. I have a full time job and teach only because I enjoy instructing others and sincerely believe that the more law-abiding citizens understand the law and carry a firearm responsibly we will collectively make our communities safer. I believe in getting involved and passing on our 2nd amendment to the next generations to come.

Is this all I need to carry a firearm?

No, you must go to the Sheriff's department in the county you reside, complete the paperwork, pay for the application, have your finger prints and photo taken. The Sheriff has up to 90 days to call you to pick up your permit in person. **DO NOT CARRY A FIREARM CONCEALED UNTIL YOU GET YOU'RE PERMIT FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT!**

After I receive my CCH permit from the Sheriff's department, do I need to buy any more gun permits?

No, as long as you keep your conceal carry permit current you will not need to buy a gun permit to purchase a firearm. Also, once you obtain your CCH permit there's no restrictions on the number of firearms you can purchase.



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If I pay for the class but unable to come do I lose my money?

No, anyone who has registered and paid for a class can come anytime I have one. You can also come over and over again if you wish at no additional charge. If you let your permit expire and you need another certificate to renew your CCH then you will be required to pay for the class again. I have several people who have paid but have been unable to attend, if this should happen to you all you need to do is email me and let me know you are coming so I can reserve space for you.

Can a commercial truck driver carry a firearm in his/her vehicle?

There's no federal law concerning commercial truck drivers and firearms. Nor have I been able to find any state law. If you have the proper Permits/License and can legally carry in the state you are driving in or that state allows the carrying of firearms without a permit you are legal. However, you also need to review what your company policy is before carrying.

Will other states honor my conceal carry permit?

Yes, some states will honor your permit; there are 32 states to date. The reciprocity states can be found on the Practical Arms Resource tab under www.handgunlaw.us.

What is the CCH fee at the sheriff's dept?

\$90.00 the 1st time applying and \$85.00 when renewing. Permits are good for 5 years and have to be renewed similar to your driver's license.

How long does it take to get the CCH back from the sheriff's dept?

By NC Law the Sheriff department must give you an answer within 90 days after all material has been received. In most cases you will get them back in about 8 weeks or less depending on how busy they are.

I have moved to NC from another state where I have a permit now, will I need to take this class to get my permit here?

Yes, North Carolina requires you to take a class so you know what North Carolina's laws are.

If I have lost my permit do I have to notify anyone?

Yes, you must notify the Sheriff's department. You can get a notarized statement to carry with you until it's time to renew.

If I move do I need to notify anyone?

Yes, you must notify the sheriff's dept within 30 days.



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If I let my permit expire will I need to take the class again?

Yes, you will need to take the class again and go through the same process like the 1st time.

I've been in the military; do I need anything from them when I apply for the CCH?

Yes, if you have been in the military you will need to take a DD-214 with you.
Lost Certificate!

Part of the cost of the class is for your certificate and they do cost. If you lose your certificate send me an email and I will order you a new one at the replacement cost.