



# Drug Recognition Expert Instructor School Application

California's Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) program leads the country with the largest number of certified DREs. Much of this success can be attributed to the quality and guidance given by California DRE Instructors during the classroom instruction and field certification processes. Because of the highly technical nature of the functions performed by the DRE, only persons experienced in the techniques of drug influence evaluations should become instructors in the DRE program.

Due to class size, the needs of the State, and quality of the DRE program, not all applicants are accepted. The DRE State Coordinator shall make the final determination as to whether a candidate shall be accepted into training as a DRE Instructor.

ACADEMIC TRAINING: DRE Instructor training is typically conducted over five (5) consecutive days, and candidate instructors are required to attend all sessions. The first three (3) days of training consists of classroom instruction, and the final two (2) days require the student to practice teaching in the classroom environment. Students must achieve a minimum of 80% on the written examination and must demonstrate proficiency in all practical exercises in order to progress to the certification phase. The academic training is conducted utilizing creative, participant-centered teaching techniques.

CERTIFICATION PHASE: After successfully completing the academic portion, students will be required to instruct for a minimum of two (2) hours in classroom at an approved drug recognition training program, and supervise the administration of not less than two (2) drug influence evaluations performed by candidate DRE's during certification training; all while under the supervision of a certified DRE Instructor.

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and the California DRE State Coordinator regulate and certify the CA. DRE program. DRE Instructor certification is valid as long as the standards for DRE recertification are maintained, and the Instructor attends a minimum of eight (8) hours recertification training approved by the State Coordinator. An Instructor may also be decertified if they do not participate in any drug recognition course instruction, demonstrate evidence of inadequate or improper performance, inconsistent findings, or other substantiated acts on the part of the instructor that brings discredit on the Drug Evaluation & Classification Program.



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Name: _____	ID Number: _____
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## \*\*\*Important\*\*\*

You must be a currently certified DRE by the State of California with a minimum of one (1) year experience, and be recommended by two (2) California certified DRE Instructors. You must also submit a copy of your DRE rolling log, be up to date in the National Tracking System, and submit a copy of your updated curriculum vitae. Incomplete and/or inaccurate applications, or applications without the required supporting documents, will not be considered.

### To assist in the selection of quality personnel as Drug Recognition Expert Instructors, please complete the following information:

Date first certified as a DRE: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of last re-certification \_\_\_\_\_

How many evaluations have you conducted in the past year? \_\_\_\_\_

How many of these were enforcement evaluations? \_\_\_\_\_

How many were training evaluations? \_\_\_\_\_

DRE Instructor Recommendations: 1.) \_\_\_\_\_

2.) \_\_\_\_\_

On a separate page, summarize your experience in teaching and instruction, and inform how you will use this training to benefit the DRE programs, your department, and the State of California.