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Hello from Western Colorado:

Thank you for your interest in NRA Instructor classes. First time NRA instructor candidate classes consist of two parts. The first, which is the same regardless of discipline, is known as B.I.T.— Basic Instructor Training. It lasts 6 hours. (This class is only required once every second year regardless of how many additional instructor classes a student takes during that time.)

The second part is the discipline specific class. For example, Basic Pistol is scheduled for 11 hours. So, the entire class is 17 hours including range time. It is usually complete in 1½ to 1¾ days. I suggest you drive over the day prior to class, usually Friday. That way you will be fresh for class which begins at 8:00 A.M. on Saturday and will have time to return home on Sunday afternoon. I have made arrangements with a local motel, for special discounted rates for students, which is located about three blocks from the class room.

Pre-requisites are non specific. We assume you are an accomplished shooter. NRA instructor classes are structured more to teach how to teach, rather than how to shoot. There will be a quiz & a couple classroom exercises to determine one's gun handling abilities & safety as well as attitude toward firearms in general. The range work will satisfy the instructor as to your abilities and skills. If I do not have your phone number, please forward it to me. I will be happy to visit with you to answer any additional questions or to add additional clarification. Once again, thank you for your interest.

Sincerely
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P.S. Other disciplines such as rifle, shotgun and the personal protection series (In the Home and Outside the Home) are the same except for the specific course lengths. Please call or E-Mail for specifics.