



# CONCEALED CARRY COURSE REQUIREMENTS

**INSTRUCTIONS TO USCCA CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR:** In order to provide consistency and quality across the USCCA Instructor network, the following minimum requirements (including the use of the listed PowerPoint slides and videos) must be met when any of the following are true: You are advertising your course as a USCCA course; the certificate you provide at the completion of the course identifies the course as having been a USCCA course; the certificate contains the USCCA logo; or the certificate is a certificate provided by the USCCA. In addition to these minimum requirements, the USCCA requires you, as a certified instructor, to meet or exceed any state-mandated requirements, including course content, course duration, live-fire requirements, etc. You are welcome to add additional content from the USCCA or your own custom content, but custom content must be consistent with the quality of USCCA materials and the USCCA Training Doctrine. Failure to meet any of these requirements may result in the loss of your USCCA Instructor Certification.

**MINIMUM COURSE LENGTH:** 4 hours (or more if legally required by your state)

## 0. INTRODUCTION

- Agenda (Slide 2)
- Statistics and Trends (Slides 3-12)

## 1. DEVELOPING A PERSONAL- AND HOME-PROTECTION PLAN

- Defining a Personal-Protection Plan (Slide 3)
- Why Conflict Avoidance Is So Important (Slides 4-6, including videos)
- Situational Awareness (Slides 7-10)
- The Color Codes of Awareness (Slides 18-28, including interactive widget as appropriate)
- Areas to Avoid (Slides 30-32)
- Cover, Concealment and an Exit Strategy (Slides 32-33)
- How a Permit to Carry Fits (Slides 50- 51)

## 2. SELF-DEFENSE FIREARMS BASICS

- Universal Safety Rules (Slides 3-6)
- Clearing a Semi-Automatic (Slides 7-9 and demonstration when allowed)
- Clearing a Revolver (Slide 10 and demonstration when allowed)
- Understanding a Gun's "Action" (Slides 11-13)
- Understanding Revolvers (Slides 14-17, including video on slide 14)
- Understanding Semi-Automatics (Slides 18-24, including video on slide 18)
- Modern, Striker-Fired Handguns (Slides 24-30)



- Understanding Magazines (Slide 31)
- Selecting a Handgun (Slide 32 and Slides 33-36 as appropriate)
- Ammunition Components (Slides 48-52)
- Ammunition Care and Storage (Slides 75-76)

### **3. DEFENSIVE SHOOTING FUNDAMENTALS**

- Defensive Shooting vs. Marksmanship (Slides 3-4)
- Proper Grip (Slides 5-10, including video on Slide 5)
- Shooting Stance (Slides 12-15)
- Aligning the Muzzle to the Target (Slides 16-20)
- Unsighted Fire (Slide 21, including interactive widget)
- Target Focus (Slide 29)
- Front-Sight Focus (Slide 30)
- Trigger Control (Slides 31-34, including rubber-band exercise)

### **4. THE LEGAL USE OF FORCE**

- Defining Reasonable Force and Deadly Force (Slides 3-8)
- Detailed Definitions of Deadly Force Rules, Including Scenarios (Slides 9-25)
- What Prosecutors Will Want to Know (Slide 26, including video)
- Defending the Home (Slide 28)
- Defending Property (Slides 30-31)

### **5. VIOLENT ENCOUNTERS AND THE AFTERMATH**

- Understanding Fight or Flight (Slides 3-4)
- Effects of Adrenaline and Endorphins (Slides 14-15)
- Recognizing a Threat (Slide 31)
- Issuing Commands and Evaluating Options (Slides 32-33, including thumbnail images)
- When You're Left With No Other Choice (Slides 39-43)
- When the Right to Use Deadly Force Ends (Slide 44)
- The Immediate Aftermath (Slide 45)
- Phone Calls to Make (Slides 46-47)
- When the Police Arrive (Slide 48)
- Statement to the Police (Slide 49)
- During and After Your Arrest (Slides 52-53)

### **6. GEAR AND GADGETS**

- Hip Holsters (Slide 5 or demonstration)
- Paddle Holsters (Slide 6 or demonstration)

- **Deeper-Concealment Holsters** (Slides 8-10 or demonstration)
- **Tactical Flashlights** (Slides 13-15 or demonstration)
- **Gun Safes and Storage** (Slide 20 or demonstration)

## **7. BASIC AND ADVANCED SKILLS**

- **Creating a Training Program** (Slide 3)
- **Dry-Firing** (Slides 3-5 or demonstration)
- **Fundamental Drill Discussion** (Slides 6-8 or equivalent)
- **Discussion of What's Next** (Slides 22-25)

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