



FAQs Regarding NRA CCW

Do I need to be a member of the NRA to become certified in the classes taught by CFT?

There is no requirement to belong to the NRA to attain certification in classes we teach. Union veterans Col. William C. Church and Gen. George Wingate formed the National Rifle Association in 1871. The primary goal of the association was to “promote and encourage (rifle) shooting on a scientific basis”. Since then, the NRA has been the premier firearms education organization in the world. CFT believes that NRA courses are simply the best, and that’s why we teach them.

Where are CFT classes taught?

We are a concierge training organization for a reason. Our classes are built around the student, including the venue for training. The didactic portion can be taught in our offices, your home, community meeting room, place of worship or your workplace. The only requirements are that it is suitable for a PowerPoint presentation and unloaded handguns can lawfully be present. The practical (shooting) portion of the class is held outdoors at our private range in Myakka City.

How do I obtain a Florida CCW permit?

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is responsible for administration of the CCW program in our state. You may apply online, in person or by mail. Visit their website for details. Your *NRA CCW Course* certificate issued by CFT will serve as evidence of training.

Do I need to own a firearm to take CFT classes?

Not necessarily. CFT can provide the defense-caliber handguns and holsters necessary for the course. The student may purchase his/her own ammunition from whatever source or purchase it from CFT on a cost plus 10% basis. Students will provide their own eye and hearing protection. A suitable gun belt is required.

Can I bring my gun to class?

Absolutely. If you own a serviceable defense-caliber pistol or revolver and wish to train with it, bring it to class. You will need a strong-side OWB (outside-the-waistband) holster for that firearm and a suitable gun belt.

Your firearm must be unloaded, cleared and cased before bringing it into the classroom or onto the range. The NRA has a strict policy of **NO LIVE AMMUNITION IN THE CLASSROOM**. We suggest that if you plan to use your own firearm for training, lock your ammunition in the trunk of your vehicle. Leave it there until the instructor asks you to remove it.

Are there tests and qualifications?

Yes, you are required to pass the *NRA CCW* exam with a passing score of 80%. It is an open-book exam, and will be completed before going on to shooting drills and qualification. We will explain the required shooting qualification standards as we go along. You will have plenty of opportunity to practice before qualifying.

Do the didactic and shooting portions of the course have to be done contiguously?

No, our concierge concept is that students set the date and time for both portions of the course. However, you cannot receive your certificate of completion until both activities are successfully completed.

How do I dress for the course?

You can wear anything you want for the didactic portion. Upon enrollment, you will receive your course guide and specifics on appropriate range attire.

Why is a questionnaire necessary for course enrollment?

CFT is an exclusive company. We only train people who are legally *able to purchase firearms*. You may already own firearms, or may choose to purchase firearms subsequent to the course. Many of the questions are those from the *Firearms Transaction Record* (Form 4473). This is a form promulgated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) in the United States Department of Justice. Some of the other questions are necessary for us to report your training to the NRA.

Does CFT keep a record of my training?

Yes. A digital record of your training, including your written test score, shooting qualification score and certificate of completion are kept in perpetuity and are available should you need them.

Will I need to sign a liability waiver?

Yes. The waiver is on the password-protected portion of the website. You will need to print it, sign it and present it in class before training begins.

How do I pay for training with CFT?

A deposit of 50% is required when a class is booked, and the remainder is payable at the beginning of the class. Cash, personal check or Venmo is acceptable. We don't take credit or debit cards.

Can guests attend class with me?

No. Our concierge paradigm requires that the instructor give student(s) his/her full attention, and guests are not conducive to that principle.

Why does CFT charge more than other non-NRA sanctioned training classes?

CFT was designed to fill a niche in firearms training. As our client, *you* will determine (within reason) the class schedule and location. *You* will have one-on-one (maximum class size 3 students) training by an NRA Certified instructor. *You* will train alone, or with people you know. *You* will have the benefit of a firearms instructor/licensed physician who can address questions regarding ballistics, trauma, lead exposure and hearing protection.

Do we train with "blue" plastic guns?

No, we do not. Our philosophy is that you **MUST** feel comfortable handling actual firearms for *Basic Pistol Shooting*. Supervised dry fire in the classroom is part of your training. By the time you go to the range, you will be comfortable handling a firearm for drills and qualification.