

Drug Recognition Expert School

This class is completed in three phases. The first phase which is the academic portion is 80 hours in length and covers a large amount of complicated materials. Students will need to be prepared to work hard and study often to successfully complete this course. The second phase is the field certification process which is 40 hours in length. Here you will be given a chance to get hands on practice with people believed to be under the influence. These subjects are brought in by the Department of Corrections to voluntarily go through the DRE evaluation process. The third and final phase is the comprehensive written examination which will be held on the last day of field certifications. Upon successful completion of the full DRE training school, participants will be able to: Serve as a Certified Drug Recognition Expert. This program requires a substantial commitment on the part of both the student and the student's agency. The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) is the regulating and certifying organization for the DRE program. DRE certification is valid for a two-year period, after which the DRE can seek re-certification by meeting criteria passed down by the state coordinator and the IACP.

Prerequisite: Current employment as a commissioned Law Enforcement Officer.
Successful completion of an ARIDE course.

Cost: Cost is approximately \$3,000 per student which is provided through a scholarship from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission.

Application: All applications must be submitted electronically to:
ellie.hooman@wsp.wa.gov. Closing date to apply is 5 pm on **August 9th, 2013**. A special application is required and student selection is competitive. This application can be located from any certified DRE, or on the Washington State Patrol's public website at: [Drug Recognition Expert School Application](#)

Questions? Contact: Ellie Hooman,
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Schedule: September 3rd- 13th 2013 at the Heathman Lodge in Vancouver, WA.
Field Certifications & Final Comprehensive exam will be held at Seattle PD's West Precinct.