



Standard Guide for Minimum Continuing Education of Individuals Involved in the Psychophysiological Detection of Deception (PDD)¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This guide establishes the minimum amount of advanced continuing education required for individuals engaged in psychophysiological detection of deception (PDD) examinations.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

E 2000 Guide for Minimum Basic Polygraph Training and Education²

3. Terminology

3.1 *basic PDD training*—the initial training required to administer PDD (Polygraph) Examinations in accordance with Guide E 2000.

3.2 *continuing education training*—advanced polygraph training and education completed after the basic training has been accomplished.

3.3 *primary polygraph curriculum*—advanced training in the areas of polygraph methodology and techniques such as instrumentation, chart analysis, test question construction, interviewing, and testing techniques.

3.4 *secondary polygraph curriculum*—training in polygraph-related areas such as law, psychology, physiology, research, and other areas, which relate to PDD activities. These may include, but are not limited to:

3.4.1 Computer courses, which may relate to PDD, such as, word processing, small business administration, accounting, and other appropriate areas.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 This guide is intended to ensure that those individuals who are practicing PDD (polygraph) examinations maintain their proficiency in the profession. Changes are constantly being made in the areas of instrumentation, testing format, and procedures, as well as legislation which affects the conduct of the industry. It is important that the individual PDD examiner

be aware of changes in technology.

5. Minimum Requirements for Advanced Continuing Education PDD Training

5.1 The required number of minimum hours of training to maintain professional competence is 40 h, every two calendar years, starting with the date on which the basic PDD (polygraph) training was completed.

5.2 A minimum of 20 h of continuing education training must be in the primary area of instruction, and up to 20 h may be in the secondary area of instruction. A normal classroom contact hour is 50 consecutive min.

5.3 All continuing education must be documented in the form of a certificate, diploma, continuing education units (CEU) certificate, or letter transcript setting forth the following minimum information:

5.3.1 Name, address, and location of the training.

5.3.2 Name of the instructor or instructor(s) providing the instruction along with a resume of the instructor(s).

5.3.3 Date(s) of training and name of the person receiving the training.

5.3.4 Number of hours of training broken down by curriculum or subject matter and appropriate course outline(s).

6. Sources for Advanced Continuing PDD Training

6.1 Acceptable PDD (polygraph) advanced training may be obtained from any of the following areas:

6.1.1 Any formal PDD (polygraph) school meeting the criteria for Basic Polygraph Training in accordance with Guide E 2000.

6.1.2 Any recognized national or state polygraph association.

6.1.3 Any accredited college or university offering formal courses which are related to PDD curriculum areas.

6.1.4 Advanced related courses which are presented at any formal police department or police training academy or similar group.

6.1.5 Advanced related courses which are presented by any federal investigative agency, federal government agency, or U.S. military department which are related to PDD testing.

6.1.6 Other training which is directly related to PDD in which the instructor(s) are qualified and recognized PDD

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(polygraph) examiners in the area in which the instruction is presented.

7. Keywords

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