



**PROGRAM OF ORGANIZED INSTRUCTION (POI)  
FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL DRIVING AWARENESS  
PROGRAMS (DADAP)**

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# PROGRAM OF ORGANIZED INSTRUCTION FOR 6-HOUR DRUG AND ALCOHOL DRIVING AWARENESS

## Chapter 1: Program Introduction

- 1.1 Introduction.** This guide details the required course content and minimum instruction requirements for classroom instruction of a Drug and Alcohol Driving Awareness Program (DADAP) in Texas as prescribed by the Texas Education Code (TEC) and the Texas Administrative Code (TAC). All course content and instructional material shall include current statistical data, references to law, driving procedures, and traffic safety methodology.

Course content, minimum instruction requirements, and administrative guidelines for DADAP classroom instruction shall include instructional objectives and topics established by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (Department). Further, programs and instructors must meet the requirements of the TAC and the statutes authorizing the applicable codes.

Lesson lengths stated in this POI are minimum state requirements. It may be necessary to extend the training time by repeating lessons to ensure the student demonstrates mastery over course content contained in each section.

If there is a conflict with the information contained in this guide and applicable law, the law shall control. Failure to comply with the requirements contained in this guide, applicable law, rule, or order of the Commission for the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR), the TDLR executive director, or an order issued by the Governor of the State of Texas, pursuant to Chapter 418, Texas Government Code, may subject the licensee to administrative penalties and/or sanctions pursuant to 16 TAC §84.400.

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## Chapter Two: Course Options

The following course options are authorized by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR):

- 2.1 Traditional Course.** A six-hour DADAP curriculum attended in person by the student in a classroom location. In a traditional classroom location, the licensee is responsible to ensure sufficient seating that allows students the ability to comprehend instructional aids.
- 2.2 Alternative Delivery Method (ADM).** A six-hour DADAP curriculum that does not require the student to be present in a classroom location. The course shall be instructed through an alternative delivery method approved by the Department.

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### Chapter Three: Instructional Objectives

- 3.1 General.** In Texas, the DADAP provides individuals with the foundation of knowledge, understanding, and experiences necessary to understand the risks associated with alcohol or other drug use/abuse and problems associated with such use. The foundation is provided by licensed instructors through a combination of classroom and instructional techniques that include knowledge assessment.
- 3.2 Educational Objectives of this Course.** The educational objectives of drug and alcohol driving awareness programs shall include, but not be limited to: educating participants on the risks associated with alcohol or other drug use/abuse and problems associated with such use; providing information on the physiological and psychological effects of alcohol and drugs, legal aspects of alcohol and drug use; the effects of alcohol and drugs on the driving task; signs of abuse; and assisting participants in developing a plan to reduce the

probability that they will be involved in alcohol/drugs and driving situations.

#### **Chapter Four: Curriculum Instruction Characteristics**

**4.2 General.** A drug and alcohol driving awareness program shall include, as a minimum, materials adequate to address the following topics and instructional objectives and the program as a whole.

**4.2.1 DADAP Topics of Instruction.** The minimum topics shall include but are not limited to the following:

**4.2.2 Topic One: Program Administration.**

**Maximum Instruction Time: 15 Minutes**

**Objective:** Enable the instructor to handle any basic in-class administrative details that are necessary prior to beginning instruction.

**4.2.3 Topic Two: Program Introduction.**

**Minimum Instruction Time:**

**Adequate to address topic and instructional objective**

**Objective:** Present an overview of the program and demonstrate the nature of the problem as it relates to the use of alcohol or other drugs.

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**4.2.4 Topic Three: Texas Laws.**

**Minimum Instruction Time:**

**Adequate to address the topic and instructional objective**

**Objective:** Provide basic information about laws related to alcohol/drug use in Texas.

**4.2.5 Topic Four: Physiological and Psychological Effects of Alcohol/Drugs.**

**Minimum Instruction Time:**

**Adequate to address the topic and instructional objective**

**Objective:** Provide basic information about the physiological and psychological effects of alcohol and other drugs on humans.

**4.2.6 Topic Five: Effects of Alcohol/Drugs on the Driving Task.**

**Minimum Instruction Time:**

**Adequate to address the topic and instructional objective**

**Objective:** Explain the relationship of alcohol and other drugs to driving task abilities.

**4.2.7 Topic Six: Signs of a Problem.**

**Minimum Instruction Time:**

**Adequate to address the topic and instructional objective**

**Objective:** Help participants recognize and understand the warning signs of a potential alcohol/drug problem.

**4.2.8 Topic Seven: Decision Making.**

**Minimum Instruction Time:**

**Adequate to address the topic and instructional objective**

**Objective:** Help participants make quality decisions about alcohol/drug use that will prevent future problems.

**4.2.9 Topic Eight: Post-Program Examination.**

**The remaining 285 minutes of instruction shall be allocated to the topics included in the minimum course content that satisfy the educational objectives of the course, excluding the program administration.**