



COURT-ORDERED PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE

Statutes: Alcoholic Beverage Code 106.115; Transportation Code 521.374-521.376;
Code of Criminal Procedure 42A.403; 42A.405; 42A.406; 42A.404-406

Practice Act? No
Title Act? No
Inspections? No

Number of Licensees: 1,991 (FY 25)
Court-Ordered Program: 320
Court-Ordered Instructor: 1,669
Responsible Pet Owner: 2
Webpage: www.tdlr.texas.gov/court-ordered



Overview:

TDLR regulates four types of court-ordered programs:

- Drug Offender Education
- Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) Education
- Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) Intervention
- Alcohol Education for Minors

Participants in these courses are usually attending because they are required to do so by a court and receive a certificate of completion at the end of the course.

TDLR also regulates instructors associated with these programs. Before the instructor is approved by the department they must take and pass a course exam. Instructors must be approved in one of the following endorsements to be able to teach a court-ordered course.

- Drug Offender Education
- Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) Education
- Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) Intervention
- Alcohol Education for Minors

Licenses for instructors and schools are valid for two years.

Court-Ordered Instructor License

Must have a minimum of an Associate Degree in the field of psychology, sociology, counseling, social work, criminal justice, education, nursing, or health to apply for a Court-Ordered Education Instructor license.

DWI Intervention

To obtain an endorsement as a DWI Intervention instructor, you must be one of the following:

- Licensed chemical dependency counselor
- Registered counselor intern
- Licensed social worker
- Licensed professional counselor
- Licensed professional counselor intern
- Licensed psychologist
- Licensed physician or psychiatrist

You must also have at least two years of documented experience in case management or education relating to substance abuse and/or mental health.

DWI Education, Drug Offender Education Programs, or Alcohol Education Programs for Minors

To obtain one or more endorsements to instruct courses in DWI Education, Drug Offender Education Programs, or Alcohol Education Programs for Minors, you must hold one of the following credentials:

- Licensed chemical dependency counselor
- Registered counselor intern
- Licensed social worker
- Licensed professional counselor
- Licensed professional counselor intern
- Certified teacher
- Licensed psychologist
- Licensed physician or psychiatrist
- Probation or parole officer
- Adult or child protective services worker
- Licensed vocational nurse
- Licensed registered nurse

You must also have at least one year of relevant and documented experience providing direct client services to persons with substance abuse problems or mental disorders.

Take and pass the Instructor end of course exam.

Court-Ordered Program Provider

Designate a certified instructor authorized to act on behalf of the provider. The instructor must carry the same endorsement as the provider they are working for.

Pay the \$300.00 application fee.

Drug Offender Education

Hours: 15

This program is designed to educate drug offenders on the dangers of drug abuse and associated illegal activities, help them identify their own individual drug-use patterns, and assist them in developing a personal action plan to reduce the probability of suffering the consequences of

future drug using and illegal behavior. Specific course topics include the history of drug abuse, drug/DWI laws, dynamics of drug use, drugs of abuse, how drugs work, the cost of use and abuse, health issues, HIV, interpersonal relationships, deglamorization of drugs, values and behaviors, past and desired behaviors, getting control of your life, resource options, and personal action planning.

DWI Education

Hours: 12

This program is designed to educate DWI offenders about alcohol and drugs and their relation to driving skills, help offenders identify their own individual drinking/drug use and driving patterns, and assist them in developing plans to reduce the probability of future DWI behavior. Specific course topics include alcohol/drug and traffic safety problems, Texas laws relating to DWI, effects of alcohol/drugs on humans, alcohol/drugs and driving task abilities, chemical dependency, symptoms of dependency, sources of assistance, costs of DWI, and decision-making.

DWI Intervention

Hours: Minimum 30

This standardized program is designed for offenders with multiple DWIs and/or others who have alcohol or drug related problems that their first offender program did not address. The program intervenes in the offender's alcohol or drug abusing lifestyle to encourage entry into treatment when needed as well as to prevent further substance abuse related problems. Specific course topics include lifestyle issues, values, self-esteem, positive thinking vs. irrational beliefs, responsibility, physiological/psychological effects of drugs, alcoholism, chemical dependency, how drug abuse affects family members, co-dependency, Al-Anon, treatment options, 12-step self-help groups, peer pressure, relapse prevention, problem solving and action planning.

Alcohol Education for Minors

Hours: 6

This program is also known as "Minor in Possession (MIP)". This standardized program is six hours long and is designed to educate participants about alcohol and drug use among young people. Specific course topics include societal values related to alcohol consumption by minors; the influence of alcohol advertising on young people; the physical, social and psychological effects of alcohol on young people; the relationship between motor vehicle and other accidents and alcohol use; relevant laws relating to the purchase, possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors; drinking patterns and problems of young people including abuse and addiction and decision-making skills.

Advisory Board? No