



Vermont Fish and Wildlife Hunter Education Program: Teach the Tradition.

Thank you for your interest in furthering the hunting tradition in the state of Vermont! The Vermont hunting legacy can only continue with the participation of outstanding volunteers. Are you interested in helping new hunters get a safe start? Are you passionate about passing down the legacy of hunting and general outdoorsmanship? Are you a safe, ethical hunter? Do you value game meat and the production of marketable pelts? Do you respect wildlife and the wild lands in which they live? Are you a good, effective communicator? Are you an active member of your community, or are you looking to become more active? If you answered yes, apply to become a Hunter Education Instructor today! Be sure you meet these minimum requirements:

- 1) At least 18 years of age (we do have a junior instructor program – contact us for more information if you are under 18!)
- 2) Minimum 3 years hunting, military, or shooting sports experience
- 3) No felony, serious misdemeanors, or Fish and Wildlife violations
- 4) Undergo and pass a background check conducted by a Fish and Wildlife Game Warden or Hunter Education Staff member
- 5) Pass instructor training course
- 6) Must be eligible to buy, own, and possess firearms in accordance with State and Federal law
- 7) Be able to attend at least one banquet or instructor development class every other year
- 8) Teach at least one Hunter Education class per year (any discipline may be taught)

Currently, Vermont Fish and Wildlife offers three courses for potential hunters:

Hunter Education: Basic Hunter Education is required for all hunting licenses. This course covers basic firearm handling and safety, equips students with basic knowledge of the outdoors and wildlife management, as well as beginner hunting techniques. Students also learn about good hunting ethics, and hunter responsibility. This course is often taught over the course of several nights, but many more instructors are adopting the new homestudy option, which allows students to complete homework ahead of time and attend a one-day field day with the instructor before being fully certified. There is no minimum age to take this course, but the final exam is written at a sixth-grade reading level.

Bowhunter Education: This course is required to hunt big game with a bow and arrow. Bowhunting proves a unique challenge to hunters, but it allows an extended season to those who accept that challenge. This course readies students for bow, arrow, and treestand selection and safety, and concentrates on how to make any bowhunting trip safe and successful. There is no minimum age to take this course, but the exam is written at a sixth-grade reading level.

Note: some instructors teach combination courses, which combines the basic Hunter and Bowhunter Education classes, and allows students to obtain both certifications in one class.

Trapper Education: This course is required for anyone who wishes to purchase a license to trap furbearers. The aim of this class is to teach students to trap according to Best Management Practices, to trap safely, responsibly, and ethically. The class also covers pelt refining, and how to produce furs for sale. There is no minimum age to take this course. Please fill out the enclosed application and e-mail it to our Hunter Education Program Office to begin your Hunter Education journey!

Please e-mail all applications to Nicole.Meier@Vermont.gov or mail them to the Hunter Education Program Office Attn: Nicole Meier

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**Vermont Fish and Wildlife
 Hunter Education Instructor Application
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 Montpelier, VT 05602 802-828-1193
 www.VTFishandWildlife.com**



Personal Information

Desired Certification Disciplines:	Hunter Education: <input type="checkbox"/>	Bowhunter Education: <input type="checkbox"/>	Trapper Education: <input type="checkbox"/>
Name (Last, First):			
Date of Birth: (mm/dd/yyyy)		E-mail Address:	
Street Address:			
Town/City:		State:	
Zip Code:			
Home Phone:		Cell/Other Phone:	
Gender:		Ethnicity:	

Criminal History

Have you ever been convicted of a crime?	
Have you ever been convicted of a Fish and Wildlife Violation?	
If yes to either question, please explain.	

Employment History

Current Employer:			
Address:			
Current Position Held:		Date of hire:	
Supervisor:		Phone #:	

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Previous Employer:					
Address:					
Position Held:		From:		To:	
Supervisor:		Phone #:			

Personal References

Reference #1:		Relation:		Phone Number:	
Reference #2:		Relation:		Phone Number:	
Reference #3:		Relation:		Phone Number:	

Signature

Signature:		Date:	
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By signing my name, I certify that all the information provided is true. I understand that this application will be subjected to a background check through state and federal law enforcement agencies. I authorize the release of my name, address and phone number for departmental purposes (such as disseminating to other instructors), but that my information will not be sold to any third-parties.