

Welcome to the Whittington U School of Practical Shotgun!



Let us welcome you to the NRA Whittington Center in beautiful Raton New Mexico. Our goal is to provide you with the best training possible through the Whittington U. Your course is starting in just a few days and we want to ensure you are ready to train!

Each defensive course focuses on a holistic defensive approach to the everyday implementation of the firearm. You will be challenged with various static and movement drills which embolden a consistent, efficient, and safe use of your firearm. You will deepen your confidence and defensive mindset and walk away with increase in your ability to safely defend yourself and others.

This packet will outline the goals for Practical Shotgun I-II, along with where to be for each level and what to bring with you. You will also receive a welcome email from the Whittington U Admin, with the same information and a link to your Instructor's bio.

Thank you again for coming to train with us at Whittington U, we are looking forward to meeting you soon. Please let us know if you have any further questions or if we can be of any assistance to you in the meantime. Have safe travels!

Practical Shotgun I:

Practical Shotgun I is a 2-day Introductory to Intermediate Level Course that focuses on the defensive implementation of the shotgun platform. The Shotgun is one of the more common defensive tools found in the home; Practical Shotgun I will instill a strong fundamental interaction with the firearm.

Practical Shotgun I will highlight classroom instruction on Internal Ballistics, External Ballistics, Terminal Ballistics, and Defensive Marksmanship Techniques as it relates directly to the shotgun platform. Range instruction includes Principles of Cover, Close Quarter Manipulation and Movement Techniques.

Common questions we get asked before a course begins:

Where do I go?

Day 1: 9:00am – Classroom – Main Whittington Admin Building (classroom is through the pro shop/library)

Note: you will not need your shotgun or equipment for the classroom portion.

What equipment do I need?

- Semi-Automatic or Pump Action Shotgun chambered in appropriate gauge (12ga or smaller)
- 200 rounds 7 ½ or 8 lead birdshot per course **No Handloads Accepted**
- 15 rounds slug
- 15 rounds 00 Buckshot
- Sling (2 point recommended)
- Chokes if applicable to your shotgun
- Shotgun Cleaning Kit
- Camelbak or water container
- Water/Snacks
- Sunblock & Bug Spray
- Knee & Elbow Pads
- Eye and Ear Protection

What can I expect for weather this time of year?

The weather can change drastically during the day and on very short notice. Please plan your clothing for the potential extremes of the season. Keep an active eye on the weather forecast [Weather.com Forecast](#)

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If I have an emergency during my travels, who do I contact?

The NRA Whittington Center has a 24/7 live contact phone number 575-445-3615. You can also reach the Whittington U Admin at 575-737-8695 via phone or text.

Practical Shotgun II:

Practical Shotgun II is our Intermediate to Advanced Level Defensive Shotgun Course that expands on the PSI curriculum to Lowlight/No Light Engagements and Scenario Based Situations.

Common questions we get asked before a course begins:

Where do I go?

Day 1: 1:00pm – Defensive Training Area main gate

What equipment do I need?

- Semi-Automatic or Pump Action Shotgun chambered in appropriate gauge (12ga or smaller)
- 200 rounds 7 ½ or 8 lead birdshot per course **No Handloads Accepted**
- 15 rounds slug
- 15 rounds 00 Buckshot
- Sling (2 point recommended)
- Chokes if applicable to your shotgun
- Shotgun Cleaning Kit
- Camelbak or water container
- Water/Snacks
- Sunblock & Bug Spray
- Knee & Elbow Pads
- Eye and Ear Protection
- Flashlight (Mounted or Unmounted)

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