



Standard Guide for Minimum Continuing Education of Individuals Involved in Psychophysiological Detection of Deception (PDD) Testing of Sex Offenders¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This guide establishes minimum advanced continuing education training required for individuals engaged in psychophysiological detection of deception (PDD) testing of sex offenders.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

E 2031 Practice for Quality Control of Psychophysiological Detection of Deception (Polygraph) Examinations

E 2080 Guide for Clinical Psychophysiological Detection of Deception (PDD) Examinations for Sex Offenders

E 2163 Guide for Minimum Training Requirements for Examiners Conducting Psychophysiological Detection of Deception (PDD) Testing of Sex Offenders in Treatment, Probation or Other Similar Programs

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:*

3.1.1 *basic PDD training*—the initial training required to administer PDD examinations as set forth in Guide **E 2163**.

3.1.2 *continuing education training*—advanced specialized PDD training and education completed after the basic training in sex offender testing.

3.1.3 *primary sex offender PDD curriculum*—advanced training in the areas of PDD methodology and techniques such as test question construction, interviewing, and applicable PDD testing protocols.

3.1.4 *secondary sex offender PDD curriculum*—training in PDD related areas which directly relate to supervision and treatment of sex offenders.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 This practice is intended to ensure that those individuals who are practicing PDD examiners in connection with sex offenders to maintain their proficiency in the profession.

5. Minimum Requirements for Continuing Education in PDD Sex Offender Testing

5.1 The required number of hours of SOT training is 20 h every three calendar years.

5.2 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:

5.2.1 Name, address, and location of the training,

5.2.2 Name of the instructor or instructor(s) providing the instruction along with the credentials of the instructor(s),

5.2.3 Date(s) of training and name of the person receiving the training, and

5.2.4 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 providing such training meets the ASTM requirement set forth in Guide **E 2163**.

6.1.1 Any formal PDD (polygraph) school meeting the criteria for basic polygraph training as set forth in Guide **E 2163**.

6.1.2 Any recognized national or state polygraph association.

6.1.3 Any instructor who shall possess professionally recognized expertise in sex offender testing and is qualified by appropriate credentials and experience in the area of their instruction.

6.1.4 Advanced related courses which are presented by any federal, state, or local government agency.

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6.1.5 Training in related courses and presentations provided by national and state treatment provider associations or treatment provider groups.

7. Keywords

7.1 advanced PDD training; continuing education; forensic psychophysiology; PDD examinations; polygraph examiner; sex offender testing

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