North Carolina Department of Public Safety

Private Protective Services Board

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Persons who wish to obtain a Close Personal Protection license may qualify for the license by using verifiable work experience, or by completing a training course that meets or exceeds the minimum curriculum requirements established by the Private Protective Services Board*. The minimum course curriculum requirements are:

- 40 hours: Minimum total course duration, which must include:
  - 26 hours: Minimum number of hours dedicated to fundamentals of personal protection, including mission planning, performing site surveys, route selection (primary, secondary, etc.), medical evacuation, walking formations (single, multiple, etc.), communications with protectees, and transitional movements (arrivals, departures, plan changes, hasty movements, etc.)
  - 12 hours: Minimum number of hours dedicated to in-person practical exercises
  - 2 hours: Legal Issues, including the rules applicable to each of the below blocks of instruction and this Section and North Carolina's laws on use of force, and the federal and State firearms law. The 3-hour unarmed guard block of instruction, set forth in 14B NCAC 16 .0707, if performing services unarmed, or the 4-hour armed guard block of instruction set forth in 14B NCAC 16 .0807(c)(1), if performing services armed, taught by a certified instructor shall fulfill this requirement

The following courses are pre-approved by the Board for Close Personal Protection licensing purposes. However, the Board will accept any course that meets the minimum curriculum requirements explained above. The applicant is ultimately responsible for ensuring the course they complete meets these criteria, and for providing any documentation the Board requests to verify the course is satisfactory.

- Independent Security Advisors, ISA NC PPSB Fundamentals of Personal Protection
- Independent Security Advisors, Dignitary Protection Studies Program
- EPIC Services & Consulting, CPP Designation
- 360 Protection Group, Protective Security Detail: Executive Protection
- LaSorsa & Associates, 9 Day Executive Protection Training Program
- Icon Global Inc, Celebrity & VIP Protection Course
- Executive Security Concepts, Six Day Executive Protection Course
- Dominion XP, LLC, Close Personal Protection Training
- Armatae, Basic Personal Protection Course
- Premier Training Academy, Close Personal Protection Fundamentals Course
- Rough Rider Security LLC, Close Personal Protection Training
- Third Eye Secure Solutions, Close Protection Training
- KDI Protective Services, Basic Executive Protection Course

- Jan-Lee Detective Agency, N.C. PPSB Close Personal Protection Training Course
- PI Leadership Academy, North Carolina Close Protection Course
- Axios Security Group, Close Protection Program
- Treadstone Defensive Tactics, Executive and Close Protection Course

*See administrative rules 14B NCAC 16 .1501 and .1502(b) for detailed experience requirements.