

Hunter-Trapper Education



Who needs HTE and why?

By law, all first-time hunters and trappers, regardless of age, must successfully complete this training program before they can buy a license. A training certificate, which is recognized throughout North America is awarded at the end of the course. **You must be at least 11 years old to enroll in a class.** Parents are encouraged to attend with their children.

The training is designed to produce safe, responsible, knowledgeable and involved participants. The results of this program are remarkable. Since 1959, hunting-related shooting incidents have declined by more than 80-percent. **Hunting is safe and getting safer, thanks to hunter education!**



What does the course include?

The training is conducted using two formats; traditional classes spanning two or more days with at least 10 hours of instruction or independent study for students preferring to study online. These students must attend a 2-3 hour class. The course includes these subjects and more:

- **Responsible hunting behavior**
- **Knowing your firearm equipment**
- **Wildlife conservation and management**
- **Outdoor safety**
- **Basic and advanced hunting techniques**
- **Trapping and furtaking basics**
- **Basic shooting and safe hunting skills**
- **Expanding your opportunities**

To be certified, you must pass a test at the end of the class.

How do I enroll?

Classes are conducted statewide. Wildlife Conservation Officers coordinate the training. Most classes are taught by trained and certified volunteer instructors.

A schedule of classes is posted on the Pennsylvania Game Commission's [website](#). You can register online for most classes. If there are no classes listed for your area, contact the PGC [region office](#) serving your county for more information. Classes fill quickly, so register early.

Hunter-Trapper education is fun, it's effective and it's waiting for you. . .

Register for a class today!