



THE NEXT LEVEL

Advanced Personal Protection Training Program

10-Hour Course | Tuition: \$129 | Certificate of Completion

Program Overview

The Next Level is a comprehensive 10-hour personal-protection course offered by N.I.S.A. It is designed for the realities of modern urban and suburban life and provides practical education for protecting yourself and your family at home, at work, while driving, and in public.

The program is especially useful for Illinois Concealed Carry License holders who have completed the required 16-hour CCL training and want to continue developing their awareness, judgment, defensive skills, and understanding of Illinois law. The course is also open to responsible adults who want broader personal-protection knowledge.

The main goal is simple: recognize danger early, avoid unnecessary confrontation, create an opportunity to escape, and respond lawfully when protection is truly necessary.

Who Should Attend

- Illinois Concealed Carry License holders seeking training beyond the basic licensing course
- Men and women who want practical personal-safety skills for home, work, travel, and public settings
- Parents, professionals, business owners, caregivers, and other responsible adults
- Anyone who wants stronger awareness, de-escalation, escape, and emergency-response skills

What Participants Will Learn

- How to recognize warning signs and reduce exposure to avoidable danger
- How to evaluate a threat and choose a reasonable, proportionate response
- How to use communication, boundaries, movement, barriers, and escape options
- How Illinois self-defense principles apply to people, dwellings, and property
- How to improve safety habits at home, around vehicles, at work, and in public

Course Topics

Illinois Law and Defensive Decision-Making

- Defense of yourself, another person, a dwelling, and property
- Reasonable belief, imminent unlawful force, proportionality, and the legal limits of deadly force
- The consequences of escalating a confrontation or acting after a threat has ended
- CCL responsibilities, prohibited locations, transportation, storage, and permit limitations
- Communicating with 911, responding officers, witnesses, and legal counsel after an incident

Home and Family Protection

- Home-security layers, lighting, alarms, cameras, locks, and access control
- Home-invasion awareness, safe-room concepts, family communication, and escape planning
- Protecting children, guests, and household members while maintaining secure firearm storage
- Responding to suspicious activity without unnecessary confrontation or pursuit

Street, Vehicle, and Workplace Safety

- Parking-lot awareness, transitional spaces, safe arrivals, and safe departures
- Carjacking, attempted robbery, mugging, road-rage, and gang-violence scenarios
- Vehicle positioning, maintaining distance, creating escape options, and avoiding entrapment
- Workplace-violence warning signs and communication with security or law enforcement

Defensive Skills for Men and Women

- Protective stance, balance, movement, distance management, and disengagement
- Basic releases, shielding, escape concepts, and moving a family member to safety
- Verbal commands, boundary setting, and the use of available barriers
- Techniques adjusted to each participant's experience, abilities, and limitations

Active-Threat and Survival Principles

- Recognizing warning signs and choosing between escape, sheltering, or emergency action
- Active-shooter survival concepts, communication, and first-responder coordination
- Emergency medical priorities and preserving useful information for responding authorities

Responsible Firearms Reinforcement

- Safe handling, muzzle discipline, trigger discipline, storage, and range-control procedures
- Decision-making before a firearm is displayed or used
- Target identification, awareness of surroundings, and avoiding reckless or unlawful action
- Supervised practical exercises only when legally permitted and appropriately instructed

Program Information

Length	10 hours
Tuition	\$129 per participant
Format	Classroom instruction, demonstrations, discussion, and supervised practical exercises
Completion	Certificate of Completion awarded after satisfying attendance, safety, and course requirements

Training Approach

The course combines clear classroom instruction with demonstrations, guided discussion, and controlled exercises. Practical work is progressive, closely supervised, and adjusted to the participant's experience and physical abilities. Safety, restraint, judgment, and lawful conduct remain the controlling standards.

Important Legal and Program Notice

The Next Level is an educational certificate program offered by N.I.S.A. It is not represented as an Illinois State Police-mandated CCL course, a CCL renewal course, or a government-issued license unless separately identified and approved in writing.

Completion does not confer law-enforcement authority, guarantee personal safety, authorize carrying a firearm in another jurisdiction, or replace individualized legal advice. Firearm and self-defense laws vary by location and may change. Participants must follow all applicable laws, posted restrictions, range rules, and instructor directions.

TAKE YOUR PERSONAL PROTECTION TO THE NEXT LEVEL.

Official Illinois References

[Illinois State Police - Concealed Carry License Requirements](#)

[430 ILCS 66/75 - Firearms Training](#)

[430 ILCS 66/65 - Prohibited Areas](#)

[720 ILCS 5/Article 7 - Justifiable Use of Force](#)