

Become a Certified MSF RiderCoach and get licensed to teach in Nevada

Since 1973, the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) has trained more than 400 Chief Instructors and RiderCoach Trainers who in turn have certified over 20,000 Instructors and RiderCoaches.

RiderCoaches are the backbone of the RiderCourse training system. Completing an intensive RiderCoach Preparation Course (RCP) is one of the main requirements for becoming an MSF RiderCourse Certified RiderCoach.

During the RiderCoach Preparation Course you'll learn the nuts and bolts of teaching MSF's Basic RiderCourse (BRC).

The Nevada Rider Motorcyclist Safety Program is the State Program that will help you become nationally certified as an MSF RiderCoach and can license and approve you to teach the MSF curricula in Nevada.

Who teaches the RiderCoach Preparation Course?

MSF-certified RiderCoach Trainers, employed by Nevada Rider, teach the course. These specially trained RiderCoaches have completed the MSF's RiderCoach Trainer Preparation Course and are authorized to train candidates for MSF RiderCoach certification.

What qualifications do I need to enroll?

- Be at least 21 years old.
- Hold a Nevada Class M (motorcycle) driver's license.
- Have a clean driving record (no more than 2 points on your driving history) and no history of your license being suspended or revoked in any jurisdiction within the last two years.
- See Nevada Administrative Code ([NAC 486.370](#)) for qualifications.

Our mission is to eliminate motorcycle crashes, injuries, and deaths by providing motorcycle rider education and training. As a teacher, you need effective communication skills to manage feedback. As a RiderCoach, you'll need openness to learning.

What are the steps to becoming a RiderCoach?

- Complete and submit an application found on the [Nevada Rider website](#).
 - Including a 10-year driver history report from the Nevada DMV.
- Interview with one of our RiderCoach Trainers.
- Successfully complete the RiderCoach Preparation Course.
- Apply to teach at one of the approved Nevada Rider Training Sites.**
- Become and maintain your CPR/First Aid certification.

*Please Note: There are significant pre-course requirements that must be completed prior to participating in a RiderCoach Preparation Class. There is no guarantee that you will be selected to participate or that you will successfully pass the RiderCoach Preparation Class.

**Nevada Rider Motorcyclist Safety Program trains and licenses instructors to teach the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) curricula within the State but does not guarantee a teaching position. Nevada Rider will introduce successful graduates to training providers. It is the responsibility of the graduate to develop the relationship to be hired by the training provider.

What does the course cover and what are the completion requirements?

The course is approximately 60 hours long. Course schedules will vary; you should plan on 7 to 10 days of intense training.

As a part of the course, you'll be required to pass a riding-skill test. It is the same test used in MSF's Basic RiderCourse (BRC) however, the standards are higher for RiderCoach candidates.

During the course, you'll learn how to teach the BRC curriculum. You'll practice teaching in the classroom. You'll learn how to conduct and manage the range exercises and how to evaluate and coach students as they develop their riding skills.

At the end of the training portion of the course, you'll be given a knowledge test. You must pass it to continue in the program.

The course culminates when you and your fellow candidates teach a complete BRC to a group of new riders. The RiderCoach Trainers (RCTs) will evaluate your performance.

Successfully completing student teaching is your final requirement to qualify for MSF RiderCourse RiderCoach certification.

As a RiderCoach candidate, you'll use the RiderCoach Guide (RCG) for the BRC. You'll also receive many MSF materials, reports, and instructional handouts to start your own reference library.

What is the course schedule?

The Nevada Rider Motorcyclist Safety Program offers at least two RiderCoach Preparation (RCP) Courses each year; one in Carson City and one in Las Vegas. The Carson City class typically takes place over three consecutive weekends. Las Vegas classes are typically seven straight days (Monday thru Sunday). You must attend all sessions.

When is the course offered?

Typically, a course is offered when there is a need for RiderCoaches in a particular area. The course is scheduled and conducted by the Nevada Rider Motorcyclist Safety Program.

How can I find out when/where a course will be offered?

Email: NVRider@dps.state.nv.us

What does the course cost?

Nevada Rider covers the cost, therefore there is no charge to you for the course.

Be prepared!

If you are selected to participate in a RiderCoach Preparation Course, go prepared to ride! Every day! Required riding gear includes a ¾ face minimum helmet that complies with DOT standards; eye protection; over-the-ankle, sturdy footwear; sturdy long pants; long-sleeved shirt or jacket; and full-fingered gloves (preferably leather).

Spend time studying during off-class hours, shadowing classes, and participating in weekly web conferencing sessions. This is an intensive program that requires a lot of work and concentration. You'll need to attend every class meeting.

For additional questions:

Email NVRider@dps.state.nv.us or call (775) 684-7480