

# Rules of Judicial Education

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## RULE 3. JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

a. Each Justice of the Peace will, as an official duty:

- (1) complete within one year after taking office, an 80 hour course of instruction from the Texas Justice Court Training Center in the performance of the duties of office; and
- (2) complete in the second year after taking office, a 20-hour course of instruction from the Texas Justice Court Training Center in the performance of duties of office; and
- (3) each fiscal year thereafter, complete a 20 hour course of instruction approved by a Justice Court Education Committee in the performance of the duties of office. A Justice Court Education Committee may not deny course credit to a justice of the peace who receives approval for such credit through another Justice Court Education committee. A Justice Court Education Committee may approve, or pre-approve, courses taken from the following list of qualifying entities:

- (1) Texas Justice Court Training Center
- (2) V. G. Young Institute of County Government
- (3) Texas Department of Health and Human Services
- (4) National Judicial College, Reno
- (5) Local, state, or national bar association
- (6) Texas District and County Attorneys Association
- (7) Texas Municipal Court Education Center
- (8) Texas Association of Counties
- (9) Office of the Secretary of State
- (10) Texas Center for the Judiciary, Inc.
- (11) American Academy of Judicial Education
- (12) Institute of Judicial Administration
- (13) Any accredited law school
- (14) Texas Trial Lawyers Association
- (15) Texas Association of Defense Counsel
- (16) Wright Lecture Series
- (17) National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
- (18) Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association
- (19) Texas Justice Court Judges Association

- (4) Grant funds may not be used to pay for the cost of training from the aforementioned 19 training entities, except for the Texas Justice Court Training Center and the Texas Justice Court Judges Association.