Real Estate Brokerage License Requirements for a Continuing Education (CE) Instructor

An individual possessing a Real Estate Continuing Education (“CE”) Instructor License may teach any Elective CE Course licensed by the Division of Real Estate (“DRE”) unless restricted by the DRE to specific courses or topic areas. The license is portable, and the licensee may teach with any Education Provider licensed by the DRE.

Applicants for a CE Instructor License shall meet the following criteria:

1. Attend and successfully complete a 6-hour instructor development course. For actively licensed pre-license instructors, attendance at the 12-hour pre-license instructor development course will satisfy this requirement for CE instructor applicants.
   a. See the following link for a list of DRE-approved CE Instructor development workshops: https://www.idfpr.com/DRE/Education/RESCH562.asp.
   b. Note: International Distance Education Certification Center (“IDECC”) or Illinois Real Estate Educational Foundation (“IREEF”) certification does not meet this requirement.

2. Be licensed and active as a broker or managing broker for the immediately preceding 3 years; or

3. Be currently admitted to practice law, and for the immediately preceding 3 years, been engaged in real estate related work as part of the active practice of law, or taught real estate-pre-license courses; or

4. Be a credentialed real estate course instructor engaged in teaching for the immediately preceding 3 years; or as evidenced by a professional designation, including, but not limited to, a designated real estate instructor (DREI); or

5. Be approved by a college or university to teach a real estate degree program; or

6. Be licensed or certified to engage in the business of certified real estate appraiser, certified mortgage loan originator, home inspector, auctioneer, or certified public accountant, or other related profession as established by the Department for the immediately preceding 3 years; or

7. Be qualified by experience and/or education as set forth in Section 30-25 of the Act. In determining whether a person is qualified to teach CE under that Section, the Division may consider: i) teaching experience; ii) real estate experience; and iii) any real estate, business or legal education.

How to Apply:

To apply for a Real Estate CE Instructor License, please submit a completed CE Instructor application and application fee via the Online Services Portal: https://ilesonline.idfpr.illinois.gov/DFPR/Default.aspx.

NOTE: A CE Instructor who wishes to teach any Pre-License, Post-License, Core CE or Broker Management CE course must apply for and obtain a Pre-License Instructor License. Please go to the following link for the requirements for a Pre-License Instructor License: https://www.idfpr.com/Forms/DRE/PreLicense%20Instr%20Req%202019.pdf