

## HUNTER EDUCATION

The Hunter Education course is required for learning the necessary safety techniques and responsibilities as a hunter when using a **gun, muzzleloader, crossbow or bow** to pursue wild game.

*Additional requirements for bowhunting big game:* If hunting deer or bear with a bow, you **must** also take a Bowhunter Education course.

### Course Topics Covered

- Firearm and crossbow handling and safety techniques
- History of firearms
- Knowledge of firearms and ammunition
- Proper gun handling and storage
- Marksmanship fundamentals
- Specific laws and regulations
- Principles of wildlife management and wildlife identification
- Outdoor Safety
- Hunter ethics
- Hunter responsibility toward wildlife, the environment, landowners and the general public

Students must attend all sessions of the course, demonstrate proper attitude and safety, and pass a final exam of 50 questions. After successful completion of the course, students will receive a Hunter Education Certificate of Qualification, which is required for purchasing a first-time hunting license in New York State.