

Specialized Driver Education Teen Programs

Classroom Instruction + Behind the Wheel Training

While many driving skills are thought to be acquired organically for most, it's important to recognize that drivers with ADHD and other executive-functioning disorders may require targeted skill training and the establishment of cognitive routines. Our Specialized Training program meets this need by offering specific skill training and creating consistent behavioral routines for these new drivers. Research indicates that using a coaching approach is more effective than an instructional one with this popuation. Our program is conducted by instructors trained to work with students who may not respond optimally to traditional methods (students must be under 18 years of age).

- Individualized Graduated License Plan: Prior to the start of the program, a comprehensive discussion involving the parent, student, instructor, and Curriculum Director will take place. This dialogue aims to develop an Individualized Graduated License Plan tailored to the specific requirements of each student. Additionally, parents will be provided with a Parent Handbook containing insights into the unique challenges their child will face, along with strategies for effectively addressing them.
- Classroom Training: 30 hours of instruction, which includes a private 2-hours Modified Final Exam. Students will have access to a specially designed Modified Student Workbook for optimized learning. It is recommended that students complete all classroom training before beginning their driving sessions.
- In-Vehicle Training
 - 10 Hour Behind the Wheel Program: consists of ten customized 1-hour lessons, conducted by a specially certified instructor. This comprehensive program covers all required skill areas and more, offering an extended curriculum that allows for maximized learning and practice opportunities (Full program \$1,200.00)
 - 18 Hour Between the Wheel Program: consists of eighteen customized lessons. Lessons may be scheduled over the course of up to 12 months, based on individual needs. Student will complete uniquely designed Behind the Wheel curriculum under the guidance of a specially trained instructor. (Full program \$1,800.00)

Behind the Wheel Training Only (Eligible students must have completed an approved Driver Education classroom program.)

While all parents should be concerned with teen driving statistics, parents of teens with ADHD and other Executive Functioning Disorders should particularly understand how their child's condition increases driving risk. Studies indicate that young people diagnosed with these disorders have abnormally high rates of traffic violations, collisions, and instances of driving without a license. If you believe your son or daughter would benefit from a specialized program of behind-the-wheel instruction, Top Driver currently offers the following options:

- 60 Minute In-Vehicle Assessment: ideal for students who have previously completed a Driver Education program but are uncertain about licensure readiness (\$100.00).
- 3 Hour: three customized one-hour lessons focused to improve in a few skill areas (\$300.00).
- 6 Hour: six customized one-hour lessons with a focus on improvement in a larger group of skill areas (\$600.00).
- 10 Hour: ten customized one-hour lessons which cover all the Illinois Graduated Driver Licensing required skill areas, and moreover, an extended curriculum for maximized learning and practice opportunities. Ideal for students who have completed the required classroom phase of training but need to complete the behind the wheel portion (\$900.00)
- 18 Hour: eighteen customized one-hour lessons over the course of 12 months Student will complete uniquely designed Behind-the-Wheel curriculum under the guidance of a specially trained instructor. This program exceeds the requirements of the Illinois Graduated Licensing Program behind the wheel training (\$1,600.00).