

Badge Type: Certification Badge

Badge description: A Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialist (CDRS[®]) is formally recognized as someone who plans, develops, coordinates and implements driver rehabilitation services for individuals with disabilities and is proven proficient in the current knowledge of the profession. A CDRS[®] commits to individual growth and study while promoting professionalism in the field and a commitment to fostering excellence in driver rehabilitation. A CDRS[®] will conduct themselves in an ethical and professional manner, promote the best outcome for clients, and exercise prudent professional judgment at all times, including consideration of applicable laws and other guidelines or resources that may exist regarding the delivery of driver rehabilitation services.

Keywords:

Driver Rehabilitation

Driver Rehabilitation Specialist

Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialist

Competencies:

The CDRS Examination is designed to test a well-defined body of knowledge representative of professional practice. The content of the CDRS Examination has been defined by a national role-delineation study. The study involved surveying practitioners in the field of driver rehabilitation to identify tasks that were performed routinely and considered important to competent practice. The examination has been developed through a combined effort of qualified subject-matter experts and testing professionals who have constructed the examination in accordance with the CDRS Examination content outline with the major areas of focus being:

- I. PROGRAM ORGANIZATION
 - A. Conduct Program Administration
 - B. Collect, Organize, and Evaluate Referral Information
- II. CLIENT ASSESSMENT
 - A. Perform Clinical Assessment
 - B. Perform In-Vehicle Assessment
- III. RESULTS INTERPRETATION AND PLAN IMPLEMENTATION
 - A. Interpret Assessment Results
 - B. Plan and Implement Recommendations

Requirements to be granted the CDRS[®] credential:

- Meet criteria for extensive experience in the field of Driver Rehabilitation in order to sit for the CDRS[®] Examination and submit an official transcript and/or letter of documentation.

- A. Four-year undergraduate degree or higher in a health-related field** with an additional 1,664 hours of experience providing direct Driver Rehabilitation services.*
- B. Four-year undergraduate degree*** or higher with a major or minor in Traffic Safety and/or a Driver and Traffic Safety Endorsement with an additional 3,328 hours of experience providing direct Driver Rehabilitation services.*
- C. Two-year degree in a health related** area of study with an additional 3,328 hours of experience providing direct Driver Rehabilitation services.*
- D. 4,992 hours of experience providing direct Driver Rehabilitation services.*

* "Providing Driver Rehabilitation services" includes direct hands-on delivery of clinical (pre-driving evaluations) and/or in-vehicle evaluations and training with the client.

** Health related degrees include Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Kinesiotherapy, Speech Therapy, Therapeutic Recreational Therapy, Special Education or other areas as approved by the Certification Committee.

*** Undergraduate degree areas of study include Social Work, Vocational Rehabilitation, Health and Physical Education, Counseling, Psychology, or other areas as approved by the Certification Committee.

- Pass the CDRS[®] Examination. Certification is effective for 3 years beginning immediately upon official notification of a passing score and ending on December 31st of the third year.

Maintenance Requirements:

CDRS[®] must maintain their education to stay current in the field and retain their certification. Renewal applicants must have earned at least thirty (30) approved contact hours during the renewal period. Each CDRS[®] is obligated to follow ADED's Best Practice Guidelines for the Delivery of Driver Rehabilitation Services to keep driver evaluations standardized, formalized and objective and ADED's Code of Ethics. Failure to renew certification or rejection of a renewal application by the certification committee shall cause the certification to expire. This includes prohibition against using the credentials, CDRS[®], as part of one's signature. The CDRS[®] designation and mark are not to be used in a misleading or fraudulent manner.