

OLDER DRIVER BADGE MATRIX

Badge Type: Education or Grade-Based Badge

Badge description:

Awareness of the challenges of a rapidly growing diverse aging population and the specific aspects across the spectrum of aging drivers is critical for the driver rehabilitation specialist servicing this population. The service provider must be aware of the key issues related to the normal aging process as well as those common medical issues associated with this population. The driver rehabilitation specialist must be able to assess for the strengths or challenges for the skills used to drive, adapt the driving method, prescribe and or issue equipment when there are functional limitations and facilitate driving retirement as needed for the older, seasoned driver.

Keywords:

Aging Driver	Driving retirement	Taking away the keys
Older Driver	Seasoned Driver	Giving up the keys
Medical conditions and aging	Senior safety	Medically at-risk driver
Driving cessation	Senior driver	Time to stop driving
Assessing aging drivers	Assessing older drivers	

Competencies:

1. Able to administer a comprehensive driver evaluation geared toward the medical issues commonly seen in the older driver.
Evaluation includes impact of diagnosis and medications on safe driving abilities:
 - Client Intake
 - Awareness of the aging process and age-related factors
 - Awareness of cultural practices related to older drivers
 - Clinical Visual Screen
 - Clinical Physical Assessment
 - Clinical Cognitive/Perceptual Screen
 - Behind-the-wheel assessment (includes ability to identify/analyze links between driving errors and deficits noted in the clinical evaluation)
 - Adaptive equipment for driving controls (low-tech. primary and secondary controls)
 - Identify need for final fitting appointment (with respect to adaptive driving controls)
 - Understand and be knowledgeable about applicable state/provincial licensing standards
2. Determines an intervention plan for an older experienced driver
 - Aware of the differences between the typical aging process and older drivers with medical conditions.
 - Able to create an intervention plan for older drivers with acquired functional deficits.
 - Able to modify established intervention plan and teaching approach in response to client's progress.
3. Ensures safe vehicle ingress/egress, and mobility device storage / securement for drivers and/or clients riding as passengers
 - Awareness of adaptive equipment to facilitate vehicle ingress/egress
 - Awareness of mobility device stowage and securement
 - Identify resources where clients may obtain adaptive equipment.
 - Identify need for final fitting appointment (low tech)
4. Driving cessation recommendations and support
 - Awareness of self and caregiver assessments available to the public
 - Able to communicate the need for driving cessation to the client and family as appropriate.
 - Able to clearly document the driving cessation recommendation, to licensing agencies, based on evidence from the clinical and on-road assessments.
5. Continuously strives to improve quality of services
 - Remains current with relevant research and evidence related to aging and the older driver
 - Understands and complies with ADED Code of Ethics
 - Understands and complies with ADED Guidelines to Best Practice Document
6. Demonstrates effective communication techniques (documentation)
 - Must establish clear recommendations with respect to licensure on clinical findings, medical incompatibilities, and on-road performance
 - Produce a comprehensive report indicating a client's needs with respect to adaptive equipment (equipment prescription)

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Requirements to earn Older Driver Badge:

1. Pay the registration fee.
2. Upload proof of a state-issued registration as a healthcare provider or driver educator/instructor.
3. Complete the on-demand Older Driver badge contents which includes a 10-hour course bundle.
4. For courses with a quiz component, score 75 or better.
5. You have one year to complete all items and earn the badge.

Older Driver Badge Course Bundle Contents:

- Exploding the Myths and Meeting the Challenges of Older Drivers (1 hour)
- Understanding Dementia for Driving Professionals (2 hours)
- Driving Cessation: Let's Talk About It! (1.5 hours)
- Culture and Diversity Considerations in Driver Rehabilitation (1.5 hours)
- Pharmacology, Medications and Driving (1.5 hours)
- Developing Relationships with State Licensing Agencies: Driver Rehabilitation for Medically At-Risk Drivers (.5 hour)
- Research on Aging and Driving (2 hours)

****For those courses with a quiz component, you must score 75 or better.***

Maintenance Requirements:

Badge earners that are an ADED member in good standing will have their badge renewed annually automatically. If a badge recipient allows their membership to lapse, the individual's badge will lapse, and verification and icon use will be rescinded until membership is renewed OR they pay the non-member badge renewal fee. If the lapse exceeds five consecutive years, the individual will have to reapply, pay the current fees associated with earning the badge and complete the program from the beginning.

Badge earners that are non-members will have to pay an annual renewal fee of \$50 to maintain the badge. If a badge recipient does not pay their annual renewal fee, the individual's badge will lapse, and verification and icon use will be rescinded until membership is renewed OR they become a member of ADED in which it will renewal annually at no additional fee. If the lapse exceeds five consecutive years, the individual will have to reapply, pay the current fees associated with earning the badge and complete the program from the beginning.