

SPECIALIZED INSTRUCTOR BADGE MATRIX

Badge Type: Education or Grade-Based Badge

Badge description:

The Specialized Instructor Badge was developed to respond to the needs of driving instructors to have a pathway of education geared specifically towards their specialty area. The goal of this badge is to equip its earners with the knowledge necessary to provide driver training to special populations. These populations may include but are not limited to: new or seasoned drivers with physical disabilities requiring adaptive equipment to drive, drivers with cognitive or perceptual difficulties, drivers with autism spectrum disorder, older drivers, drivers with anxiety disorder, and drivers with low vision.

Keywords:

Specialized Driving Instructor
Driver Rehabilitation
Adapted Driving Controls

Special Populations
Driver Instruction
Driver Education Disabled

Disabled Driver Education
Handicap Driving
Driver Training

Competencies:

1. Able to teach, train, and coach new drivers both the theory and techniques required to safely operate a motor vehicle.
2. Able to teach defensive, proactive, and co-operative driving techniques.
3. Demonstrates understanding and knowledge of the state or provincial highway laws and regulations, rules of the road, signs, and signals.
4. Able to effectively listen and communicate.
5. Able to adapt training to style and capacity of student's learning.
6. Able to provide training/exposure in a variety of conditions and environments.
7. Able to identify and take control of a fluid situation when it arises and adapt immediately.
8. Able to provide training that supports safe driving performance and the client's specific driving goals.
9. Demonstrates basic understanding of disabilities (causing impairments at the physical, cognitive and/or perceptual level) and their potential impact on driving performance and driver training.
10. Able to monitor progress toward established driving goals and adjust lesson plans as necessary.
11. Ensures client's ability to utilize vehicle primary and secondary controls appropriately with equipment as necessary.
12. Able to operate, identify need for, and instruct driving techniques with low-tech adaptive driving equipment; makes referrals for appropriate services or recommend equipment as needed.
13. Able to monitor progress toward established driving goals and identify when referrals to appropriate services (i.e. therapy, CDRS, physician) are needed to improve driving readiness or recommend driving cessation as appropriate.
14. Able to address maximizing safety and independence in entry and exit of vehicle (using proper transfer techniques) as well as stowing, securing, and retrieving mobility devices as needed.
15. Continuously strives to improve quality of services
 - Remains current with relevant research and evidence related to special populations driver training needs
 - Understands and complies with ADED Code of Ethics
 - Understands and complies with ADED Guidelines to Best Practice Document

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Requirements to earn Specialized Instructor Badge:

1. Pay fee ADED Member \$195 / Non-Member \$390
2. Be a certified or licensed driving instructor who has met or exceeded local government requirements and passed approved courses necessary to work as a behind-the-wheel driving instructor their state or province (Upload of license required)
3. Completion of Specialized Instructor required courses*
4. For quizzes, a score of 75% or better is required. Quizzes have a single attempt.

*Specialized Instructor Required Courses:

Specialized Instructor Online Education Bundle which includes:

- Disability, Vision and Aging on Driving for Driving Instructors (6 hours)
- Driving Readiness in Autism Spectrum Disorder: The Role of Executive Function & Intellectual Disability (1 hour)
- Pharmacology, Medications and Driving (1.5 hours)
- Training Approaches for Specific Deficits/Difficulties (2 hours)
- ADED's On-road Training Intervention Strategies (online 3 hours)
- Introduction to Adapted Driving Equipment (blended program- online component and live component – 3 hours)
 - Online course content to completed first
 - Complete one of the following and upload your documentation sheet
 - Behind the Wheel Review with an active ADED CDRS®
 - Behind the Wheel Review with and ADED Member Dealer
 - ADED Conference Expo attendance and test drive with vendor(s)
- Spectrum of Driver Services Quiz
- Best Practice Guidelines for the Delivery of Driver Rehabilitation Services Quiz
- Code of Ethics Quiz

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'll renew 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.