

# DRIVER REHABILITATION PROFESSIONAL (DRP) MICROCREDENTIAL MATRIX



**Badge description:** The Driver Rehabilitation Professional (DRP) microcredential represents a professional in the field of driver rehabilitation who, through successful completion of specific training courses, is equipped to provide service within basic and low-tech programs as per the Spectrum of Driver Rehabilitation Program Services. A DRP is obligated to follow ADED's Best Practice Guidelines for the Delivery of Driver Rehabilitation Services to keep driver evaluations formalized and objective and attests they will adhere to the ADED's Code of Ethics. The DRP micro-credential is a steppingstone towards the CDRS® certification and requires a defined amount of continuing education to ensure continued growth and current knowledge in the field.

**Keywords:**

Driver Rehabilitation professional	Adaptive Driving Equipment	Driving with special needs
Basic Driver Rehabilitation Program	Driver assessment	Seniors and driving
Low-tech Rehabilitation Program	Driver training	Driving with disability

**Competencies:**

1. Understanding of common medical diagnosis and their potential impact on driving ability/potential
2. Understand medication and impact on driving
3. Understanding rules and regulations of the road
4. Understands all aspects of a comprehensive driving evaluation and will either administer or refer for:
  - Client Intake
  - Clinical Visual Screen
  - Clinical Physical Assessment
  - Clinical Cognitive/Perceptual Screen
  - Behind-the-wheel: route creation and planning
  - Behind-the-wheel: Objective Assessment
  - Behind-the-wheel assessment: Identification & analysis of links between driving errors/deficits noted in 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
5. Determines an intervention plan for driver training (experienced or new drivers)
  - Able to create an intervention plan for both seasoned drivers with acquired functional deficits and new learner drives with functional deficits.
  - Able to modify established intervention plan and teaching approach in response to client's progress
  - Ensure good communication and regular follow-up between the DRP and the driving instructor
6. Ensures safe vehicle ingress/egress, and mobility device storage / securement for drivers and/or clients riding as passengers
  - Understanding and application of proper transfer techniques
  - Adaptive equipment to facilitate vehicle access (not requiring a structural modification of the OEM vehicle)
  - Identify need for final fitting appointment (with respect to installed equipment)
7. Driving cessation recommendations and support- community mobility
8. Continuously strives to improve quality of services
  - Remains current with relevant research and evidence
  - Understands and complies with ADED Code of Ethics
  - Understands and complies with ADED Guidelines to Best Practice Document
9. Demonstrates effective communication techniques (documentation)
  - Must establish clear recommendations with respect to licensure on clinical findings, medical incompatibilities, and on-road performance
  - Be knowledgeable regarding archiving files, expiration dates, guidelines to be followed, general statement for liability issues
  - Produce a comprehensive report indicating a client's needs with respect to adaptive equipment (equipment prescription)

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## Requirements to earn DRP Microcredential:

1. Non-healthcare professionals\* MUST earn the Specialized Instructor badge prior to application
2. Healthcare professionals\* (verification of profession required) will be required to pass a Traffic Safety quiz or attend the 2-day ADED Traffic Safety for Driver Rehabilitation Course.
3. Complete **one** of the following:
  - a. 35 hours of education from the course menu\*\*
  - b. Successful completion of a post-graduate ADED-approved university program certificate [proof required]
  - c. ADED Mentor Curriculum Completion + 21 hours contact hours from course menu\*\*
  - d. Complete the VA Driver Rehab Training Course [proof required]

All applicants must:

4. Successfully complete quizzes: ADED Code of Ethics and Best Practices Guidelines (must obtain 75% or higher on each)
5. Apply for microcredential
6. Pay application fee

## \*\*Course Menu:

Introduction to Driver Rehabilitation (15 contact hours)  
Application of Adaptive Vehicle Modifications (15 hours)  
Recognizing and Assessing Perceptual, Cognitive and Behavioral Prerequisites for Driving and Connecting Outcomes to BTW Performance and Training (7 hours online)  
Pharmacology, Medications and Driving (1.5 hours online)  
Understanding Dementia for Driving Professionals (2 hours online)  
Older Driver Badge (10 hours)  
Conference courses that are eligible towards the DRP Microcredential (will be denoted in the brochure and program as such)

Please note:

- All education must be earned within 3 years of the date of application
- All courses must be ADED administered
- Score of 75% or higher on any course quizzes

**Maintenance Requirements:** The DRP must be renewed every 2 years.

Renewal candidates shall submit:

- A renewal application
- Proof of 15 ADED issued contact hours
- Renewal fee

## Revocation:

The DRP micro-credential will be revoked if:

- The renewal criteria are not complete (see policy for complete information)
- Renewal fee is not paid
- Investigation has determined that the DRP micro-credential has been issued under fraudulent claims

\*\* Health related degrees include Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Kinesiotherapy, Speech Language Pathology, Therapeutic Recreational Therapy, Nursing, Exercise Physiology.

\*\* Non-healthcare degrees include Social Work, Vocational Rehabilitation, Health and Physical Education, Counseling, Psychology, Special Education, Education, Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement, or other areas as approved by the Certification Committee.

## DRP Pathways

