



Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital

Driver Rehabilitation for People With Autism

At Northwestern Medicine Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital, the Driver Rehabilitation Program offers comprehensive evaluation and training to individuals with autism who want to learn how to drive.

Our staff includes:

- › Occupational therapists
- › Certified driver rehabilitation specialists
- › Driving instructors certified by the state of Illinois

All lessons are provided one-on-one by an occupational therapist who specializes in the driving needs of people with disabilities. They will tailor instructions to meet your individual needs.

Driver evaluation

The two-part evaluation is designed to provide a comprehensive, objective appraisal of your driving ability. It is performed on the Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital campus and helps us recommend the right plan for you.

- › Part 1 is a clinical evaluation that assesses vision, perception, cognition and motor function.
- › Part 2 is a behind-the-wheel evaluation of safe driving ability in one of Marianjoy's driver rehabilitation vehicles.

No prior driver education class is required. However, to help students get started, we encourage them to review the *Illinois Rules of the Road* booklet before their first appointment.

Programs to meet your needs

We offer three different program tiers based on your current skill level, determined by our Driver Rehabilitation Program staff. Each lesson is about an hour long.

Tier one:

- › 12 lessons
- › One lesson per month
- › Passenger practice and classroom learning

Tier two:

- › 20 lessons
- › One lesson every two weeks
- › Passenger practice, classroom learning and behind-the-wheel training

Tier three:

- › 8 lessons
- › One lesson per week
- › Behind-the-wheel training

Program requirements

To join our program, you must:

- › Be at least 15 years old
- › Have a physician's order for **occupational therapy driving evaluation and treatment**
- › Receive written authorization from the high school if it is assisting with fees
- › Have a learner's permit for behind-the-wheel training (not required for the evaluation)

You might be eligible to get funding assistance through the Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Rehabilitation Services. To ask about eligibility and determine which office serves your area, visit dhs.state.il.us or call 877.581.3690.

Schedule your evaluation

Call **630.909.6080** (TTY: 711) and press 4.