

Driver Education Endorsement

Competencies & Requirements to Earn this Endorsement

Purpose

This endorsement is meant for certified teachers who are interested in becoming a driver and traffic safety instructor at a school district. This endorsement can be attached to a current Utah Professional Educator Licensee that holds a license area of concentration in one or more of the following areas: Secondary Education, Special Education, School Counselor, or Career and Technical Education.

Prerequisites

To be eligible for this endorsement, candidates must meet the following prerequisites:

- Satisfactory Driving Record
- Hold a valid Utah automobile operator's license.
 - Satisfactory driving record which means:
 - The educator must hold a valid Utah automobile operator's license.
 - Has not had an automobile operator's suspended or revoked during the three years immediately prior to applying for the endorsement.
 - Has not received an automobile operator's license suspension from a court for a non-traffic related issue.
 - Has not been convicted of more than one moving violation under [Title 41, Chapter 6a, Traffic Code](#) in any twelve-month period over the last 36 months prior to applying for a driver education endorsement.
 - Has not been convicted of any moving violation under [Title 41, Chapter 6a, Traffic Code](#), which resulted in a fatality.
 - Has not been convicted of a violation of [Title 41, Chapter 6a, Part 5, Driving Under the Influence and Reckless Driving](#) during the five years immediately prior to applying for a driver education endorsement.
 - Has not been convicted of two or more violations of [Title 41, Chapter 6a, Part 5, Driving Under the Influence and Reckless Driving](#).
 - Has not been convicted of a violation of [Section 53-3-227](#) during the five years immediately prior to applying for a driver education endorsement.

Endorsement Requirements:

Driver Education has four content requirements, Roadway Examiner Training, CPR and first aid certifications and training required by Utah Law:

- Driver Education Law and Policy
- Methods of Teaching Driver Education Behind the Wheel
- Methods of Teaching Driver Education Classroom
- Driver Education Student teaching practicum
- Submit a copy of current hands-on CPR and first aid certification from one of the following board approved providers:
 - a. American Heart Association
 - b. American Red Cross
 - c. National Safety Council
 - d. Emergency Care & Safety Institute

Each requirement may be earned by taking Utah State Board of Education and university courses, or other experiences that demonstrates knowledge, skills, and dispositions as approved by the USBE Driver Education Specialist. Examples of other experiences could be teaching a university course, certification in a related area, or work experience directly related to the requirement.

If Taking Utah-Based University Courses Approved by USBE:

- University courses are reviewed and approved by agreement with USBE.
- Applicants must earn a B or higher in the course(s) taken.

Utah Code R277-311 requires an educator with a driver education endorsement to complete the following annually to maintain a current valid driver education endorsement.

- Eight hours of professional development training in traffic safety.
- One hour of examiner training.
- Proof of current first aid and CPR certification from a provider approved by the Superintendent.
 - An educator may complete professional development under the following:
 - Workshops provided by the Driver License Division
 - Driver education and traffic safety training pre-approved by the Superintendent through:
 - a state agency
 - college or university
 - a professional education organization

The Superintendent shall administratively dissolve a driver education endorsement if an educator fails to maintain a satisfactory driving record. An administrative dissolution shall have no effect on the underlying educator license or license area absent further Board action. An educator whose endorsement was administratively dissolved may apply for reinstatement of the endorsement upon re-obtaining a satisfactory driving record and meeting the renewal requirements.

Driver Education Law and Policy

Description:

This is an online law and policy course for driver education which will provide potential driver education teachers with the understanding of laws related to student eligibility, teacher practices, state laws, and Board of Education rules to guide teachers through professional practices. Law and policy are important and relevant in many domains of education, but especially in driver education due to the high-risk nature of novice drivers. This is a required two-credit course.

Methods of Teaching Driver Education Behind the Wheel

Description:

This is an online course for future driver education instructors that will help them learn how to teach students to drive on the range and the road. This is the primary hands-on course for students to learn how to drive and pass their test to get their driver license. This is a required two-credit course.

Methods of Teaching Driver Education Classroom

Description:

This is an online course for future driver education instructors that will help them learn how to teach the current driver education standards, rules of the road, and the core curriculum. Educators will learn and demonstrate a variety of teaching techniques available for online, hybrid, and in person classroom. This is a required two-credit course.

Driver Education Student teaching practicum

Description:

This course is set up to provide future instructors of Driver Education hands on knowledge, skills, and dispositions to be able to understand and perform all aspects of the Driver Education Program and to verify the 120 practicum hours with the assistance of a Mentor Driver Education Instructor.

Applying for the Endorsement:

Submit all documentation and application form to Educator Licensing through SM Apply (<https://usbelicensing.smapply.us/>). Transcripts must be submitted to transcripts@schools.utah.gov directly from your college or university.