

Adaptive Driving Program



The St. David's Rehabilitation Hospital Adaptive Driving Program is the only one of its kind in Central Texas, working with clients to help determine safety and independence with community mobility since 1997. All evaluations and training are performed by our Occupational Therapists who are Certified Driving Instructors/ Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialists and have 20+ years of experience working behind the wheel to promote independence through medically based driver evaluations and training.

Evaluation Process

A Comprehensive Evaluation is provided to determine an individual's ability to drive. The evaluation process consists of a clinical assessment addressing the skills of driving such as vision, strength, balance, cognition, decision-making, and reaction time. A behind-the-wheel assessment evaluates vehicle operation, decision-making, scanning, safety with transfers, proficiency with adaptive equipment, and compensatory strategies during traffic situations. To initiate a driving evaluation, the individual is required to have a physician's referral and a valid driver's license or permit.

The Adaptive Driving Program benefits individuals who have:

- Stroke
- Brain Injury
- Spinal Cord Injury
- Amputation
- Congenital abnormality and birth defects
- Orthopedic impairments
- Neurological impairments
- Vision deficits including Bioptic training
- Age related changes: physical/ visual/cognitive
- Dementia/Alzheimer's Disease
- Executive function deficits
- Mild cognitive impairments
- Developmental disabilities
- Learning and processing difficulties
- Autism spectrum
- Anxiety
- PTSD
- Inexperienced drivers who need pre-driving skills assessment, training and parent coaching

St. David's Adaptive Driving Program Equipment:

- A variety of adaptive equipment including a complete Veigel hand control package (Classics, Compacts, Push/Pull, Push/Rock, Push/Right Angle)
- Commander Steering knob & a variety of steering devices
- Electronic Left Foot Accelerator & Mechanical LFA
- 6 way transfer seat
- Wheelchair ramp van
- Various positioning devices for safety
- Turn Signal Adapter Kit
- Bluetooth operated secondary control technology



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