



**PROFESSIONAL DRIVING SCHOOL** [UbelPDS@comcast.net](mailto:UbelPDS@comcast.net) 541 747 4411

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*THANK YOU for YOUR INTEREST in The PROFESSIONAL DRIVING SCHOOL.*

Our School is Certified by the State of Oregon, Bonded and Insured. We have been Serving the Eugene / Springfield area since 1978 and Continue to offer Quality, Expert Driving Instruction.

The Behind-the-Wheel Training *emphasizes* the Survival Skills of Critical Observation and Anticipation in Defensive Driving for:

- \* Teen-agers
- \* University Students
- \* International Visitors
- \* Refresher Courses
- \* Beginning Drivers of all Ages
- \* Individual Driver Improvement
- \* Sr. Citizen Re-Exam Preparation

All Behind-the-Wheel Training is Private and Tailored to meet the individual's own needs and requirements.

The number of hours required to learn to drive depends on such factors as: age, previous driving experience, eagerness to learn, nervousness, etc. Though a client may take as many or as few lessons as desired, we recommend a minimum of 6 hours. **SIX HOURS OF DRIVING LESSONS DOES NOT MAKE A DRIVER!** We provide a good, comprehensive foundation upon which to build. Becoming a good, safe driver is an ongoing learning process that continues through years of driving.

Teen-agers generally do well with 6 to 12 hours (usually getting lots of practice time from family). Lessons are normally spaced over 2 to 3 weeks, to allow practice time.

**To meet the Graduated Driver License (GDL) requirement, teens under 18 must have 50 hours of supervised practice in addition to completion of an "ODOT-approved for GDL" Traffic Safety Education course, which consists of 30 classroom hours and 6 hours of Behind-the-Wheel instruction. If the student does not complete an "ODOT-approved for GDL" course, 100 hours of supervised practice are required. We offer an 8-hour classroom course, "Partners in Driver Education" to help parents or coaches and teens work constructively together during those 100 hours of supervised practice.**

College students typically average 12 to 24 hours ( 8 to 16 lessons ) or more.  
Older adult beginners can expect considerably more hours.

We teach the essential steering, observation and driving skills needed to become a competent driver. As in any other skill, proficiency comes with practice. Therefore, we encourage practicing the techniques, as we've taught them, as much as possible between lessons.

The Behind-the-Wheel lessons cover, but are not limited to:

- \* Steering techniques
- \* Acceleration & Braking (speed control)
- \* Right & Left Turns (lots & lots)
- \* Observation Techniques (Look to Live)
- \* Anticipation Techniques (Defensive Driving)
- \* Winding Roads, Hills & Curves
- \* Highway, Freeway, Cloverleaf Interchange
- \* Signs, Signals, Lines, Lanes
- \* Two-way & One-way Streets
- \* Changing Lanes (check blind spot)
- \* Parking - Hill, Perpendicular, Parallel
- \* Traffic Interaction - Moderate to Heavier