

Graduate Traffic Safety Institute, Dr. Frank Gruber^{IV}, Ph. D., Director

Illinois Driver Education Teacher Requirements

SUBTITLE A SUB CHAPTER g.

Section 252.40 - Driver Education Requirements

- A. Approved Teacher - Persons authorized by the State Superintendent of Education to conduct an approved driver education course.
- B. Teacher Presentation - All persons who teach a driver education course which is reimbursable or non-reimbursable must be qualified according to the minimum standards.
 1. The instructor must be a certified teacher.
 2. The instructor must hold a valid driver's license.
 3. The instructor must possess good physical health as determined in accordance with Section 24-5 of the School Code.
- C. The driver education teacher in a **non-public school** is not required to be certified but must hold a baccalaureate degree, or equivalent as determined by the employing school, in addition to meeting the requirements of Section 252.40 (b) (3).
- D. **The fully qualified instructor with Driver Education & Safety Endorsement is required to have sixteen (16) semester hours of college credit in the field of safety & driver education as follows:**
 1. Five (5) semester hours in driver education. **(TECH 533 and TECH 536)**
 2. Three (3) semester hours in general safety. **(TECH 535)**
 3. Eight (8) semester hours in subjects chosen from the following related areas:
 - a. Additional safety courses;
 - b. Advanced psychology and sociology;
 - c. Health Education;
 - d. Instructional materials

Teachers assigned to either simulation or multiple-car programs must have preparation in the use of these methods which shall consist of a minimum of **one semester hour** or its equivalent in each area. **(TECH 439)**

TENTATIVE NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY DRIVER EDUCATION COURSE OFFERINGS Summer 2010

TECH 635** **Seminar in Safety, Current Issues in General Safety (3)** (Early Summer, 2010); Sat, May 29, July 10, at the Multi-U Center, Oakbrook, IL, (8:30 am.-5:30 pm.); June 7*, 14*, 21, 28, July 5*, **(TBA)**, Tech 635, (section # CE , ref*#).

TECH 636** **Principles of Traffic Safety Education (3)** (Early Summer, 2010); Sat., June 5, July 17, (8:30 am.- 5:30 pm. at the Multi-U Center in Oakbrook, IL.) Wednesday, June 9*, 16*, 23*, 30,* July 1*, 8*, 15*, **(TBA)** , Tech 636, (section # CE, ref. #).

TECH 633** **Practicum in Traffic Education (3)** (Summer, 2010); Sat., June 12, at the Multi-U Center in Oakbrook, IL.(8:30 am. - 5:30 pm.) **PLUS** BTW in the DeKalb area Mon through Sat. 7:00 am -9:00 pm., June 15 to Sat., July 16 by team appointment, **(TBA)** Tech 633, (section # CE, ref. #).

TECH 539** **Advanced Traffic Safety Education Practices (3)** (Summer 2010); Sat., June 19 (8:30 am.- 5:30 pm.) at the Multi-U Center in Oakbrook, **Then** (Sessions ,**TBA**) The weeks of. June 28, and July 2, (5:00 pm - 10:00 pm.) at St. Charles H. S. Simulation Laboratory and Multi-Car Range., **(TBA)** Tech 539, (section # CE, ref. #)

Graduate Credit ()** Course costs will be listed in the NIU On-line Schedule. Classes to be held at the Multi-Use Center, 1010 Jorie Blvd., Oakbrook IL 2nd Floor. Simulation/Range fieldwork will be held at St. Charles H. S., St. Charles, IL and BTW at NIU/DeKalb, IL. All Courses Will Have On-line Components (*).

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To Register: on-line WWW.REG.NIU.EDU, Off-campus students (Regional), beginning **4/2010**. Check your registration time after **3/2010**. (12 semester hours are an overload)

Overload Permits: <http://www.ceet.niu.edu/tech/academic/programs/msiminfo/overld.pdf>
Student at Large Status for Graduate students should be obtained (ASAP) from NIU's Graduate school. (on-line, www.grad.niu.edu)

**CERTIFICATE OF GRADUATE STUDY
TRAFFIC SAFETY EDUCATION**

Certificate of Graduate Study: Traffic Safety Education (15 hour)

Due to the high number of deaths, injuries, and economic loss occurring in our society today from traffic crashes, this certificate has been designed to meet the traffic safety education needs of safety professionals working in educational, industrial, and occupational safety settings. The courses in the certificate will cover classroom content, vehicle operation skills, instructional methods, techniques, materials, equipment, and facilities that are used in traffic safety education programs. The courses in this certificate program meet the requirements of the State of Illinois for a High School Driver Education Endorsement to an Illinois High school teaching certificate. **These courses may also count toward a Northern Illinois University graduate degree, the Master of Science in Industrial Management (31 semester hours),** for those students who apply to and are accepted by the NIU Graduate School.

Traffic Safety Education (15)

TECH 539 Advance Traffic Safety Education (3)

TECH 633 Practicum in Traffic Safety Education (3)

TECH 635 Seminar in Safety (General Safety) (3)

TECH 636 Principles of Traffic Safety Education (3)

Choose one additional 3 credit Technology Safety course with advisement

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