

Living with a disability might mean you approach everyday tasks differently, but it doesn't need to limit your mobility. At Northwestern Medicine Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital, the Driver Rehabilitation Program offers comprehensive driving education to help teenagers with disabilities learn how to drive.

Marianjoy Driver Rehabilitation staff are all occupational therapists and driver rehabilitation specialists who are also driving instructors certified by the state of Illinois. As a driving school approved by the Illinois State Board of Education, we coordinate services with area high schools to provide evaluation and behind-the-wheel training for teens with disabilities.

Driver evaluation

The two-part evaluation is designed to provide a comprehensive, objective appraisal of driving ability:

Part one is a clinical occupational therapy evaluation that assesses vision, perception, cognition and motor function.

Part two is a behind-the-wheel evaluation in one of Marianjoy's driver rehabilitation vehicles.

Prior participation in a driver education class is not required. However, it is strongly encouraged that the student reviews the *Rules of the Road* booklet before their first appointment.

The initial driving evaluation is performed on the Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital campus.

The Driver Rehabilitation Program may benefit teenagers with these diagnoses:

ADHD	Cerebral palsy
Anxiety disorders	Dwarfism
Autism spectrum disorder	Muscular dystrophy
Bipolar disorder	Spina bifida

Participants must meet the following requirements:

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 evaluation)

To schedule an appointment, please call **630.909.6080, Option 4**. TTY for those who are deaf or hard of hearing: **711**.