

Indiana University of Pennsylvania Institute for Rural Health and Safety

Teacher Certification in Safety/Driver Education

Through cooperative effort with IUP's Department of Kinesiology, Health and Sport Science (KHSS), the IUP Institute for Rural Health and Safety coordinates and directs IUP's Teacher Certification Program in Safety/Driver Education. Certification in Driver Education may be added to a valid Pennsylvania Instructional Certificate with the completion of four courses. Completion of courses will also enable those not seeking a four-year degree to become certified to teach commercially. The Pennsylvania Department of Education Safety/Driver Education exam is required.

HPED 251 Foundations of Safety and Emergency Health Care (3 credits)

This course is offered every fall, spring and summer session. The spring and summer session's courses are offered in an on-line format.

This course introduces the student to the foundations of safety which involves accident prevention and injury control. It examines the four classes of accidents (motor-vehicle, work, home, and public); and it allows the student to identify causes and plan countermeasures from both a preventive and mitigative standpoint.

There are no prerequisites for this course and it is recommended that it be taken early in the student's program.

HPED 252 Introduction to the Driving Task (3 credits)

This course is offered every fall semester and as a workshop style course during one week of summer session one at the IUP main campus. It involves two lecture hours and two laboratory hours. This course provides an in-depth thorough treatment of operating a motor vehicle competently in all major variations and under most conditions encountered within the traffic environment. A competent operator is considered to be one who performs the total driving task knowledgeably, skillfully, and desirably (with respect to behavioral characteristics); demonstrating full understanding and application of the identification, prediction, and decision process.

The prerequisite for this class is the student must possess a valid driver's license.

HPED 353 Driving Education Program Management (3 credits)

This course is offered every spring semester and as a workshop style course during two weeks of summer session one at the IUP main campus. It involves 3 lecture hours. This course will prepare prospective driver education teachers to plan, teach and evaluate the driver education classroom instructional mode. Actual experience of teaching high school students in supervised laboratory sessions is provided.

The prerequisite for this class is the student to have successfully completed HPED251, HPED252 and possess a valid driver's license.

HP 354 Application of Driver Education Instructional Modes (3 credits)

This course is offered every spring semester and as a workshop style course during two weeks of summer session one at the IUP main campus. It involves two lecture hours and two laboratory hours. This course will prepare prospective driver education teachers to plan, teach and evaluate the driver education instructional modes (simulation, multiple-car driving range, and on-street). Actual experience of teaching novice drivers (some maybe minors) in a supervised laboratory sessions is provided. The prerequisite for this class is that the student to have successfully completed HPED251, HPED252 and possess a valid driver's license and be at least 21 years of age.

*****HPED 354 requires all perspective students to submit the following background checks to the KHSS department prior to attending the first day of class:

- Act 34 - Pennsylvania State Criminal Records
- Act 114 - Federal Criminal History Record Information
- Act 151 - Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare Child Abuse History Clearance

For more information concerning the courses, housing and background checks please contact the IUP Institute for Rural Health and Safety at 724-357-4051.