



Utah Driver Education News

June 2022

UDTSEA offers educational webinar recordings for Professional Development

**VIRTUAL WEBINAR
RECORDINGS
AVAILABLE**

Professional development hours are available to watch and complete the appropriate assignment. Required 8 hours prior to July 1st.

Conference Video Recordings: [Driver Ed Spring conference](#) [Assignment link](#)

66th Annual ADTSEA Driver Education Conference

Sunday July 24, 2022 - Wednesday July 27, 2023 — Vancouver, WA

[Click Here to Register](#)

[Draft Agenda](#)

New Instructor Courses

Student Teaching Practicum

MIDAS #57646

[Click to Register](#)

H EDU 351

Begins August 22, 2022

University of Utah Continuing Ed

[Click to Register](#)

UDTSEA BOARD MEETINGS IN 22-23

9:30 am - 3:00 pm

June 27, 2022 @ Granite School District at 2500 South State Street in Room D-202 [Zoom Link](#)

September 19, 2022 @ USBE 250 east 500 south, SLC

January 23, 2023 @ USBE 250 east 500 south, SLC

April 23, 2023 @ TBD

SAVE THE DATE

2023 UDTSEA DRIVER EDUCATION CONFERENCE APRIL 24, 2023

2023 UDTSEA Driver Education Conference is scheduled for Monday April 24th at the Davis Conference Center. This is the first day of the Utah Highway Safety Summit, Monday will be all driver education related. The 2023 conference will be in person only, make sure you have this date saved on their calendars.

USBE STUDENT ONLINE CANVAS COURSE UPDATE

[CLICK HERE TO GET NEW STUDENT CANVAS COURSE UPDATE](#)

Use this link for Operation Lifesaver Course in your new canvas course

<https://zerofatalities.com/courses/operation-lifesaver/>



DE Cultural Equity Information

ANSTSE has developed an information sheet on cultural equity in driver education and training to identify the rapidly changing diverse demographics in the United States, and how it is imperative that driver education and training include cultural equity to meet the needs of every individual.

[View Information Sheet](#)

U.S. Traffic Deaths Reach 16-Year High

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) [reported](#) today that 42,915 people died in motor vehicle crashes in 2021 – the most since 2005 and an average of 117 deaths every day. Crash deaths rose by 10.5% in 2021 compared to the year before, making it the largest ever annual percentage increase in the nearly five-decade history of the Fatality Analysis Reporting System. NHTSA’s 2021 [Early Estimates of Motor Vehicle Traffic Fatalities](#) also highlights concerning increases in several types of roadway deaths, including pedestrians (up 13%), on urban roads (up 16%) and in speeding-related crashes (up 5%).

An increase in dangerous driving – speeding, distracted driving, drug- and alcohol-impaired driving, not buckling up – during the pandemic, combined with roads designed for speed instead of safety, has wiped out a decade and a half of progress in reducing traffic crashes, injuries and deaths. This grim milestone confirms we are moving backwards when it comes to safety on our roads.

ADAPTED VEHICLES AND EVALUATING STUDENT NEEDS



People with disabilities can often drive safely by making modifications or adding adaptive equipment to their vehicles to meet their specific needs. As the technology has gotten better and has increased in availability, the number of people using adapted vehicles has also increased. NHTSA supports people with disabilities by offering tips on modifying or purchasing a vehicle to accommodate their driving needs.



<https://youtu.be/Dh3f6vI0pUk>

Driver rehabilitation specialists perform comprehensive evaluations to identify the adaptive equipment most suited to your needs and medical condition. As part of this process, a rehabilitation specialist will take into consideration your future equipment needs based on your medical condition and the repetitive stress an adaptive aid may place on a particular muscle group. In addition, you can expect a complete evaluation to include vision screening as well as:

- Muscle strength, flexibility, and range of motion;
- Coordination and reaction time;
- Judgment and decision-making abilities; and
- Ability to drive with adaptive equipment.

After you finish the evaluation you should receive a report containing specific recommendations on driving requirements or restrictions. You should also be given a complete list of any recommended vehicle requirements or modifications. The recommendations should suggest obtaining on-the-road training to practice safe operation of the equipment and learn safe driving habits.

[Read More about:](#) Finding a qualified driver evaluation specialist, paying for an evaluation, and determine the best time to seek a driving evaluation.