

# NUAMES Driver Education

## *Behind the Wheel & Road Test Disclosure*

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**The Driver Education Program Consists of Three Main Components:**

- (1) Online Course Classroom Instruction**
- (2) Behind the Wheel (BTW) Instruction**
- (3) Road Skills Test (may only road test after the Classroom AND BTW are completed)**

**NUAMES DOES NOT ACCEPT TRANSFER COMPLETIONS FROM OTHER SCHOOL/DISTRICT DRIVER-EDUCATION PROGRAMS. STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE ALL THREE PORTIONS OF THE PROGRAM AT NUAMES, BEGINNING WITH THE ONLINE CLASS AT NUAMES.**

**It is the responsibility of parents/guardians and students to understand and follow all the following requirements of the Behind the Wheel (BTW) driving and Road Test. Failure to understand these requirements is not an acceptable excuse and could result in delaying or canceling driving sessions.**

**Behind-the-wheel driving is prioritized based on the following (to be considered for a driving session, all must be complete except items 7 & 8):**

1. Currently Enrolled at NUAMES
2. Obtaining a Learner Permit
3. Driver Education Fee payment
4. Completion of Street Smarts, Rail Safety, Trends and Safety Exam, and ZERO Fatalities Parent Night
5. Diligence in completing classroom work (no missing assignments)
6. 20-hour driving minimum with parent/guardian
7. Academic standing at NUAMES
8. 16th birthday
9. Learner Permit expiration date

**Expectations during the driving session:** students and parents must agree to the terms below.

- Students will be assigned to a driving instructor at the campus where the student is registered to attend. Students registered at the Davis Campus will drive with instructors located at the Davis Campus. Students registered at North Campus will drive with instructors located at the North Campus.

- Driving Schedules: NUAMES provides set driving schedules. Parents and students are responsible for making the available driving sessions work. If current driving sessions are not feasible, more will be available later. We do not accommodate personal schedule requests.
- Driving sessions and times vary. Students can expect to start as early as 5:30 AM and drive until 9 PM. Sessions could include any day of the week (except Sundays and holidays). Also, driving days could be when school is not in session. (Fall break, Spring break, etc.)
- **Students must always have their physical learner permit in immediate possession** during every part of the BTW instruction and road test (students CANNOT legally drive or test without their permit). Digital versions or pictures/copies of a learner permit are NOT acceptable according to state law.
- Learner permit CANNOT be expired. The learner permit must also be legible.
- Instructor must drive with at least two students in the vehicle.
- Students are NOT allowed to use their cell phones in a driver education vehicle. Cell phones and other electronic devices will be placed in the center console during driving time.
- Driving sessions vary between 2-3 hours and may have 2-3 students per session.
- Students will drive with the instructor for 5 hours (Street Smart equals the 6th hour)
- Students will observe for 6 hours. This may require a student to do an additional session purely to observe.
- Students observing from the backseat are expected to be attentive and complete the BTW documentation during each session.
- As we prepare to drive together in our small vehicle, it's essential to prioritize good personal hygiene. Please ensure that you smell fresh and clean, as close quarters can amplify odors. Additionally, for safety and visibility reasons, make sure your hair is styled so it doesn't cover your face. This will help you maintain clear vision and focus while driving. Let's create a comfortable environment for everyone as we learn to be responsible drivers.

**Rules about driving sessions:** students and parents must agree to the terms below.

- Driving sessions and road tests must be completed within the following semester from starting the course, but do not have to be completed during the semester the student is taking the driver education course. (many students will drive past the time they complete the course due to instructor and vehicle availability).
- Driving sessions and road tests may or may not occur while the student is enrolled in the classroom portion of driver education. The entire Driver Education process may take several months to complete.
  - We do not guarantee students will be ready by their 16th birthday
  - Students must complete the Behind the Wheel and Road Test according to the following time frame:
    - **Summer Semester students:** BEFORE winter break begins
    - **Fall Semester students:** BEFORE Memorial Day weekend
    - **Spring Semester students:** BEFORE Labor Day weekend
- Students **must** already be driving with their parents/guardians prior to their BTW session.
  - We recommend **at least** 15 hours before beginning BTW time with the instructor.
    - It is obvious when students do not have behind-the-wheel experience... if the situation is severe enough, we reserve the right to postpone driving behind the wheel with the instructor and/or the road test until students are ready to proceed. DRIVE with your student!
      - This may require an additional fee if students do not meet state requirements for driving with an instructor.

- Driving Sessions: the assigned driving instructor will contact the student to schedule the driving sessions.
  - Driving instructors may use various contact methods
- Once a student schedules a driving session, they **must adhere** to the schedule.
  - If a student cancels, it affects the other students driving in the session and the teacher. Please honor the time you sign up for (except for emergencies such as sickness or other serious unplanned life events). In case of an emergency, such as sickness, please notify the instructor immediately through the instructor's preferred communication method.
- **FAILURE TO ATTEND A SESSION WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT PRIOR NOTICE WILL RESULT IN THE STUDENT BEING REMOVED FROM THE SESSION . THE STUDENT WILL HAVE TO SCHEDULE A NEW SESSION. (USUALLY 2-3 MONTH WAITING LIST). Additional fee will be assessed and determined by administration.**

## Scoring

Students will be given a daily score after each driving session. If the score is below 80%, the student must practice driving with a parent/guardian before the next scheduled driving session. If a student does not show 80% competency in all driving maneuvers by the final driving session, then the student must retake the driving portion and re-pay the driving fee.

## Road Skills Testing

The road skills test is offered at a convenience to the students at NUAMES. Road testing will be available to students who have successfully completed the behind the wheel portion and a significant, if not all of the online course. Students who did not perform at the standard set by the state of Utah during the Behind the Wheel Portion will not be granted a road skills test until after repeating the behind the wheel portion successfully. Up to two road skills tests may be taken with NUAMES.

### Testing Timeline:

- Must complete testing within 60 days of completing Behind the Wheel, or the end of the following semester from the online course (whichever comes first).
- Tests are scheduled at the convenience of the instructor, not at the student's convenience.
- Students may test with NUAMES before age 16
- Testing will occur with a different instructor than that of Behind the Wheel Instruction.

### Testing at the DLD:

- Students may choose to take the road skills test at the DLD. An additional fee is required.
- Students may not be able to schedule a test with the DLD for several months.
- Students must take their own vehicle and be at least 16 years old when testing at the DLD.

\*\*NUAMES contracts teachers from other schools/districts to complete driving in a timely manner. These teachers are state-certified and qualified to complete driving safely.

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