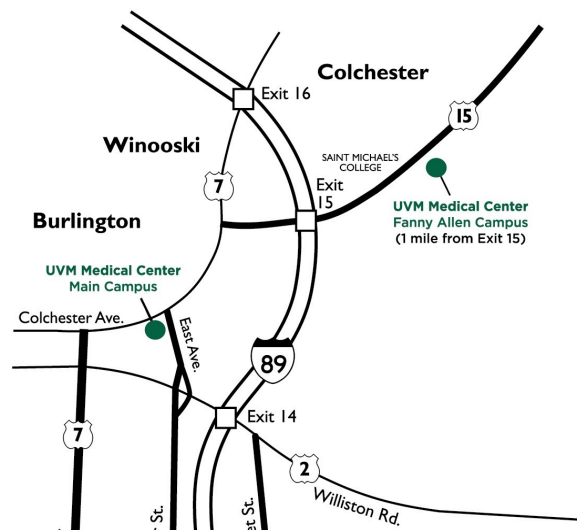




The New Driver Program is located on the first floor of the Medical Office Building at The University of Vermont Medical Center Fanny Allen Campus.



#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

To find health information, or for convenient and secure access to your medical record through MyHealth Online, please visit [UVMHealth.org/MedCenter](http://UVMHealth.org/MedCenter) or call us at (802) 847-0000.

#### DRIVER REHABILITATION

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# Questions & Answers

## HOW WILL THE NEW DRIVER PROGRAM HELP ME?

Our New Driver Program is for individuals who have visual, cognitive, and/or physical challenges that may impact their ability to drive or pursue a learner's permit. We design a training plan specific to your needs. Individualized driving instruction and training is offered at this program and we often work in conjunction with school driver education programs.

## WHAT IS DRIVER REHABILITATION?

The New Driver Program is offered through Driver Rehabilitation. Driver Rehabilitation is a program that provides a thorough evaluation and appropriate treatment for people with conditions that may affect their ability to drive safely.

## DO I NEED A LEARNER'S PERMIT TO COME TO THE PROGRAM?

No. We can help evaluate your readiness to get a permit. If you do have a permit, we may do some driving during the evaluation.

## WHO CAN BENEFIT FROM THIS PROGRAM?

New and experienced drivers with a variety of conditions. Below are some examples:

- Visual Impairments
- Cerebral Palsy
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Learning Disabilities & Impairments
- Spina Bifida
- Muscular Dystrophy
- Dwarfism
- Asperger's and Autism Spectrum
- Non-Verbal Learning Disability

## DO YOU HAVE SPECIALIZED DRIVING PROGRAMS?

Yes, in addition to the New Driver Program we offer:

- Senior Driver Program
- Adaptive Equipment Driving Program
- Low Vision Driving Program

## WHAT HAPPENS AT THE PROGRAM?

We start by performing an in-depth clinical evaluation of your vision, thinking skills, and physical abilities. This allows us to understand the source of any problems that you may be having and decide if further testing is needed.

The second part of the session consists of in-car activities with you riding as a passenger. This enables us to assess vision and cognitive skills while the vehicle is moving. You may do some driving using our driving simulator or on-the-road in our vehicle.

We then make recommendations about readiness to pursue driving.

## WHO WILL PERFORM THE EVALUATIONS?

Our clinicians are licensed occupational therapists. The on-road evaluation and training is performed by Certified Driving Rehabilitation Specialists who are also Vermont Driving School Instructors.

## WHAT HAPPENS IF I NEED TRAINING?

The occupational therapist will review your evaluation and work with you to develop an individualized program. We provide one-on-one training to help you reach your driving goals.

## WILL I NEED TO BRING MY OWN CAR?

No. We will be using our vehicles equipped with an instructor's brake for driving and passenger activities.

## HOW CAN I GET AN APPOINTMENT?

An order from your medical provider for occupational therapy is required for the evaluation and program. Once we receive this order, we will contact you to schedule an appointment..

## WILL THE VISIT BE COVERED BY MY INSURANCE?

Insurance policies are all different. We can help you identify payment sources prior to your appointment. Please ask us about any concerns at the time you make your appointment.