

Certification for Driver Education

Approval to teach Driver and Traffic Safety Education is issued if the applicant meets certain requirements of the State Education Department. The Department of Motor Vehicles also reviews the driving record of the applicant. The following describes those requirements and categories of approval.

Certification Categories

1-Year Provisional	3- Year Provisional	Permanent
SAF560 Driver and Traffic Safety Education 6 graduate level credit hours	SAF560 Driver and Traffic Safety Education 6 graduate level credit hours	SAF560 Driver and Traffic Safety Education 6 graduate level credit hours
	AND	AND
	SAF305 Fundamentals of Safety 3 undergraduate level credit hours	SAF305 Fundamentals of Safety 3 undergraduate level credit hours
	OR	AND
	SAF565 Trends and Problems in Driver and Traffic Safety Education 3 graduate level credit hours	SAF565 Trends and Problems in Driver and Traffic Safety Education 3 graduate level credit hours
6 Credit Hours Total	9 Credit Hours Total	12 Credit Hours Total

An applicant holding a valid **permanent** New York State Secondary School Teaching Certificate (NYS SSTC) would receive an **all approved** designation. This person could teach Driver & Traffic Safety Education in all schools, providing it is an Education Department approved course. Other applicants would be restricted to the nonpublic sector. These would include school counselors, social workers, psychologists and school administrators.

The teacher approval application is submitted when the applicant completes the requirements and obtains a position in a school district as Driver and Traffic Safety Education teacher with a school offering an Education Department approved course.

Course Descriptions

SAF560 Driver and Traffic Safety Education 6 graduate level credit hours

Course Description: *Prerequisites: Acceptable driving record; valid NYS driver's license; minimum of two years' driving experience.* Classroom and behind-the-wheel instruction; instructional methods/techniques; setting up approved programs; three-hour pre-licensing course content; theory and maintenance of the automobile; devices and aids for teaching in the classroom and automobile. Successful completion satisfies State Education Dept. requirements for provisional approval to teach driver and traffic safety education in all secondary schools, colleges, and universities; also qualifies an individual to teach in a commercial driving school.

SAF565 Trends and Problems in Driver and Traffic Safety Education 3 graduate level credit hours

Course Description: Teaching, administration, and supervision of driver education and traffic safety; programs, methods, and materials; resource people and agencies; critical analysis of existing procedures; discussion of problems. Lectures and/or field trips for expert information from the field. Required for permanent approval of driver education instructors.

SAF305 Fundamentals of Safety 3 undergraduate level credit hours

Course Description: Fundamentals of accident prevention as applied to areas of living, with consideration of human and environmental factors, legal aspects, and home and fire safety.

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