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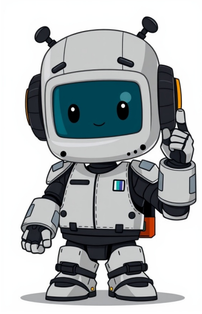

Your browser is out-of-date! It has known security flaws and may not display all features of this and other websites. Learn how Oregon has one of the best Driver Education instructor-training programs in the entire nation. Western Oregon University is a proud recipient of a grant from the Oregon Department of Transportation – Transportation Safety Office (ODOT-TSO). Thanks to this grant, we are able to: Provide training and mentoring to adult instructors to prepare them to teach teen novice drivers Individuals wishing to teach Driver Education in Oregon will gain a wealth of practical knowledge, as well as gain hands-on experience, both in the classroom and in the vehicle. Certify and re-certify instructors to teach in ODOT-TSO approved driver education programs In order to keep the quality of our program uniformly high and ensure that teens receive consistent and thorough instruction, all individuals who wish to teach Driver Education in an (ODOT-TSO) approved program are required to first complete a rigorous Traffic Safety Education curriculum and then to become certified to teach. Offer an annual regional conference called the PacNW Driver and Traffic Safety Conference. The goal of this conference is to provide a quality professional growth activity for traffic safety educators. Conference sessions enable attendees to gain new information and insights on topics pertinent to the field, as well as provide an opportunity to interact with their peers from the region. Make revisions to the Oregon Driver Risk Prevention Curriculum known as the Playbook. We continue to make improvements to the teen curriculum, owned by ODOT, to ensure that we stay current with the needs of the learner and the automotive technology. In this revision, Oregon Department of Transportation and Western Oregon University Traffic Safety Program continue to update references to vehicle technology, cultural context and provide a more accessible experience for teens. This Playbook, known as “R3” (Revision Three) is another revision of our state approved curriculum guide that continues to provide an exciting interface for teachers and students. This student curriculum is even more engaging for the student to experience than the previous revision. While this version continues to include the dynamic interface which blends 3D animations, real-world videos, interactive presentations, and student activities; we have moved our online presence to the Pressbooks format. This format allows for more online interaction for students and their families. Additionally, it allows us to more quickly update text that may become obsolete due to law or regulation changes. A separate Instructor Manual is available to driver educators that will include the same interactive ability that the students experience. AI-enhanced title and description