



Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center

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Adapted Driving Program

The ability to get around on your own is a basic part of independent living. And in today's world, "getting around on your own" means driving. Banner Good Samaritan's Occupational Therapy Department offers an Adapted Driving Program to help disabled people get back on the road.

Who is eligible?

The Adapted Driving Program can help people with a variety of disabilities and conditions including:

- Amputation
- Arthritis
- Cerebral palsy
- Congenital birth defects
- Diabetes
- Dwarfism
- Geriatrics
- Head injury
- Learning disability
- Neurological disease or neurological problems
- Peripheral neuropathy
- Spinal cord injury
- Stroke

We consider the application of any person who is of legal driving age, 16 years or older.

How do you apply?

You will need your physician's referral and a valid Arizona driver's license or permit to apply for the Adapted Driving Program.

What happens next?

Evaluation - Once you're referred and accepted in the



Therapists from the Adapted Driving Program at Banner Good Samaritan provide driving evaluations, training and special equipment recommendations to help disabled and older clients drive safely and independently.

program, we begin by assessing your physical needs and knowledge of driving. We evaluate your driving potential and make recommendations on how you can drive with maximum independence.

The evaluation is broken into two sections:

- A clinical evaluation helps us determine your visual perception, reactions times, transfer skills and other necessary skills for driving safely.
- A behind-the-wheel assessment enables us to evaluate your driving skills in actual traffic.

This "hands on" experience helps you understand your skills and limitations; and helps us select the equipment or vehicle modification that's right for you.

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Training

The next step on the road is training. The Banner Good Samaritan Rehabilitation Institute owns several vehicles that have been adapted for “behind-the-wheel” driver evaluation and training. These vehicles include simple to high-tech modifications that allow individuals with a wide variety of diagnosis to be successful in driving. A Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialist will train you using one of these vehicles. Specialists can also perform car and van evaluations.

Training is tailored to meet your individual needs and to cover all aspects of safe driving. This includes:

- Reviewing safe driving procedures and maneuvers
- Increasing your endurance in traffic situations
- Selecting appropriate adaptive equipment for your driving needs
- Learning to maintain the equipment
- Practicing emergency procedures and defensive driving

How long does the program last?

The program is both comprehensive and individual. The length of the program depends entirely on your disability and previous driving experience.



Cost

Fees for the Adapted Driving Program are charged on an hourly rate, as are other therapy programs at the Banner Good Samaritan Rehabilitation Institute. Because the program is managed by occupational therapists, some insurance companies will assist with costs. Staff can also suggest other funding sources.

Hours

Appointments for evaluation or training are available between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Adapted Driving Program is located at the Banner Good Samaritan Rehabilitation Institute, 1012 E.



High-tech, adaptive equipment such as this digitally controlled, six-inch steering wheel (under driver's right hand) enables clients to drive independently.

Willetta, Phoenix, AZ 85006; and is adjacent to Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center, 1111 E. McDowell Road.

To schedule an adapted driving evaluation, please call (602) 839-2317 or have your physician's office complete and fax our online Outpatient referral form.



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