

## **Columbia River Driver Education (C.R.D.E.); Time Commitment Preview**

### **Class Time Commitment:**

34 Hours of Total Class Time are scheduled on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 - 8:00pm.**

31 Hours of Class Time, minimum, are required by ODOT/DMV to be eligible for course completion.

There will be some homework assignments as well, requiring an additional hour or so per week outside of class.

*Note: There are occasional Sunday Make-up zoom classes scheduled during the term for 'required modules' that may have been missed during the regular class session due to unavoidable circumstances.*

### **Attendance Day One is Required:**

During Day One of class Program Overview is presented, Class schedule and requirements are reviewed; Drive Partners are assigned, the first drive date & time are determined, as well as an in-class assignment and homework given.

Provided the nature and scope of the information reviewed in class it takes hours to remediate those missing and impacts those who attend by disallowing access to potential drive partners, resulting in arbitrary and time-consuming assignments by the instructor.

**Therefore, anyone missing Day One of class will be dropped from the program.**

Dropped students are eligible to enroll in the following term's program, or may be eligible for a refund.

### **Driving Time Commitment:**

In addition to Class Time students have six (6) Behind-the-Wheel (BTW) Drives.

These drives are with a 'Partner/Observer', who is assigned on Day One.

Drives are 1hour-30minutes to 2 hours-30 minutes each, depending on the drive, and take place every seven to ten days, (See: [Drive Time & Observation Overview](#) for details)

As mentioned above, the first drive appointment is determined by students and their partners the first day of class.

Subsequent drives are determined at the end of each drive, provided the student completes the drive successfully, as determined by instructor evaluation.

Date and Time windows are allotted for specific drives i.e. Drive 1 (1.5 Hrs.), Drive 2 (2 Hrs), Drive 3 (2.5Hrs) etc., during the dates outlined in the Program Schedule as "BTW \_\_\_\_ Opens" and "BTW \_\_\_\_ Closes."

At the end of each drive students review dates and times available for the next drive and are scheduled at that time.

Drives are available primarily on the Weekends, with occasional drives available during the week, after school. More drive times are allotted than the minimum needed per the number of students driving, in an effort to have options available with a view toward Customer Service.

### **Guided Practice:**

In addition to Class Time and Drive Time through CRDE, ODOT/DMV expects parents to conduct at least **one-hour of Guided Practice with a parent between drives** to be eligible for course completion.

There is a fee associated with any drives determined 'unsuccessful' and required a repeat of the drive.

*Drive success is greatly improved when students are provided ample opportunities to practice driving between scheduled drives with an instructor.*