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Century Now Offers Driver Education

Century College, in partnership with Training Wheels Driver Education, has begun to offer driver education courses to teen drivers in the Northeast Metro area. The courses are offered year-round and provide an option for students who cannot attend their own high-school driver's program because of sports or job related commitments.

The Century College course meets all Minnesota state requirements for driver education. In addition to the 30- hours of classroom and six hours of behind- the-wheel training, students will have a turn in the "Skid-Monster." This specially-designed car teaches skid control in a safe driving range condition. It handles just like a normal car until the instructor flips a switch and then the car, if it is mismanaged, becomes a MONSTER! Students learn very quickly what happens when speed is too fast for road conditions or for traffic situations.

Parents are encouraged to get involved in their teen's driver training experience. All parents are invited to attend a parent seminar, where helpful information is shared to assist parents in working with new drivers. All families also are invited to attend a driver impact panel discussion, where students hear first-hand from families who have been impacted by distracted drivers or alcohol-impaired drivers.

To obtain a driver's permit, Minnesota law requires that teens under the age of 18 must complete 30 hours of classroom instruction prior to taking the permit test. To be eligible to obtain a valid driver's license, teens must complete six hours of behind-the-wheel training with a licensed instructor. Upon completion of the behind-the-wheel hours, a 16-year-old may take the driving exam to obtain a license.

Teens may start classes at age 14 ½ and earn a permit at age 15.

Century offers classes on the main campus in White Bear Lake or at our new training facility in Afton.

The cost of the program is \$369.

For more information, call the **[Continuing Education Department](#)** at 651-779-3341 or click

<http://www.century.edu/continuinged/subjects/drivered.aspx> .