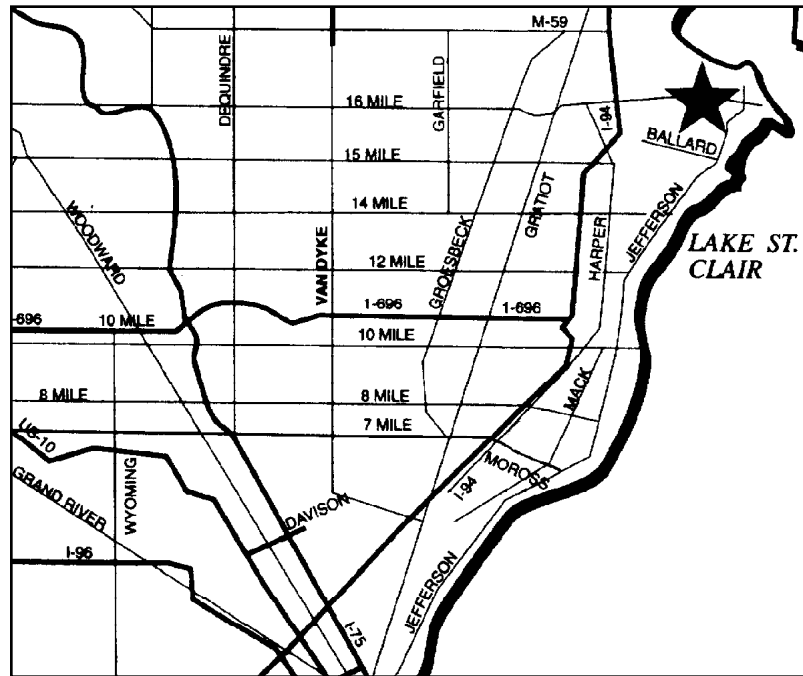




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ST JOHN. Rehabilitation Services
Health System

DRIVE TO INDEPENDENCE is offered through the Occupational Therapy Department at St. John North Shores Hospital



St. John Rehabilitation Services is able to provide numerous specialized rehabilitation services at multiple sites with easy referral and appointment scheduling.

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A current copy of non-personal information related to the Driver Education Instructor's driving record is available for your review upon request.



DRIVE TO INDEPENDENCE





Drive to Independence is a specialized drivers training program designed for individuals with physical, visual and/or cognitive disabilities. A physician referral is required for individuals to receive a complete evaluation of skills necessary to operate a motor vehicle.

The evaluation and behind-the-wheel instruction are provided by Occupational Therapists. These professionals are also licensed driver educators and certified driver rehabilitation specialists.

The Drive to Independence program is part of our comprehensive Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation services. It represents our dedication to assist individuals with disabilities to achieve independence.

PROGRAM FOCUS



COMPONENTS & COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES

Drive to Independence is the first comprehensive program in Macomb County to offer the following assessment and training services at one site:

- n Assessment of medical history, driving history, physical ability, cognitive status, visual & perpetual skills.
- n Driver Education: Classroom and on-the-road instruction designed to help the "new" driver become an alert, knowledgeable and responsible driver.
- n Behind-the-wheel evaluation of driving ability on the range.
- n Telescopic Driver: Assessment of visual and telescopic capabilities, and on-the-road training incorporating proper use of the telescopic system for driving.
- n On-the-road evaluation and/or training in a variety of real-life traffic situations.
- n Evaluation of equipment needs and training with adaptive devices. Recommendation for commercially available adaptive equipment and installation.



Behind the wheel and on-the-road evaluation is assessed on a standardized driving route.

Training sessions are scheduled by 30 or 60 minute increments. The total number of sessions required is dependent upon the type of disability and previous experience.

Fees are based on the type of service provided and vary depending on the number of sessions required.

ELIGIBILITY

Most individuals with physical disabilities are eligible for an evaluation of their driving ability. Clients must be seizure-free for six months and have a valid driver's license or a learner's permit. Individuals who have suffered disabilities as a result of the following diagnoses may be referred to the program.

- Cerebral Vascular Accident
- Closed Head Injury
- Aneurysm
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Amputee
- Arthritis
- Visual Disabilities
- Spinal Cord Injury
- Aging
- Parkinson's Disease
- Guillain-Barre
- Learning Disabled

