



# ADED

The Association for Driver  
Rehabilitation Specialists

## ADED Profile

### ADED - The Association for Driver Rehabilitation Specialists

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#### Overview and Capabilities

ADED - The Association for Driver Rehabilitation Specialists - is a non-profit organization made up of professional dedicated to promoting safe, independent driving mobility for those with disabilities and the aging. The group provides education, research support, and information dissemination to professionals working in the fields of driver education, driver training, and transportation equipment modifications for persons with disabilities. ADED is the only organization in North America to offer a specialty certification program for those interested in becoming a Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialist (CDRS). Established in 1977, ADED is the primary professional organization in this specialized area. Its membership is active at the local and national levels and influences legislation and decision makers. ADED is registered as a 501 (c) (3) corporation. Any contributions made to ADED may be tax deductible. ADED was the acronym for the original group name: The Association for Driver Educators for the Disabled, which was changed to The Association for Driver Rehabilitation Specialists in 1997.

#### CDRS - Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialist

The CDRS certificate is the accepted benchmark for quality in driver rehabilitation services. ADED provides practitioners with high-quality training and is the only organization to offer the driver rehabilitation specialty certification designation. Candidates who have successfully passed the certification examination will earn credentials designating them as a CDRS. There are currently about 370 active CDRS professionals in the United States and Canada (2016 data). The first CDRS exam was conducted in 1995.

#### Membership

945 members worldwide (2016 data)

#### Professional Fields Represented within ADED Membership

Driver education/training	Physical therapy
Equipment manufacturers	Rehabilitation engineering
Kinesiotherapy	Rehabilitation technology
Mobility equipment dealers	Speech-language pathology
Occupational therapy	Vocational rehabilitation

#### Member Services

CDRS professional driver certification program	Ongoing education and qualifying CEUs
ADED Member Directory listing	Professional network affiliation
Reduced annual conference and workshop fees	Awards and scholarships
Quarterly newsletter - "News Brake"	Alliances with other professional groups

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