

## **Welcome Letter for Modern Instructional Strategies and Techniques for Teaching Driver Education**

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### **Hello and welcome to Modern Instructional Strategies and Techniques for Teaching Driver Education-Spring Semester 2011!**

Hello and Welcome to Modern Strategies and Techniques for Teaching Driver Education! As a future driver education teacher, health teacher, physical education teacher or commercial instructor you are about to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to be a classroom and behind the wheel driver education teacher. The course will explore the rules and regulations in the modern driving world. In addition, the course will provide computer assignments to generate challenging and creative learning experiences for the students. Furthermore, the course will expose the student to modern strategies and techniques used in teaching behind the wheel driving to develop future drivers.

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### **Expectations**

This course is offered online for those students schedules make it difficult to attend the traditional class. However, the online course will cover the identical material as the classroom offering. In addition, the student is expected to spend the same amount of time to acquire the subject matter, as you would in a traditional classroom setting. Using the computer, rather than the classroom as our learning environment, the student will be expected to perform reading assignments, writing assignments, and technology assignments at an accelerated pace. The student must be prepared to perform a large quantity of material over the semester and meet all deadlines. The student during the spring semester is expected to hand-in one term assignment. If you decide to take the challenge, I expect you to give your best effort to fulfill the requirements as presented in the course syllabus. In addition, all students are required to observe a certified Classroom Driver Education teacher or a Behind the Wheel Instructor-Driving School. The student must

make all the arrangements and take care of this responsibility on their own. Good Luck!

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## **Texts**

Text Johnson, Margaret L... Drive Right (eleventh edition), Scott-Forsman/Prentice Hall, and N. J. 2001-Teacher's Edition. The book is available at the WPU bookstore. The purchase of the textbook is mandatory and necessary for future teaching.

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## **Grading**

The grading for the course is outlined in the course syllabus.

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## **How to Access Blackboard:**

To log on to Bb point your web browser to <http://bb.wpunj.edu> and click the Login button in the upper left. Then enter your username and password in the spaces provided and click login again -- you'll find your course Bb sites listed on the right.

Some things to be aware of as you work with Blackboard:

- You probably won't find all your courses listed; the only ones that will appear are those that have been activated by the professor teaching the course. Professors who don't use Blackboard will not activate their courses.
- Your username is comprised of your lastname and firstinitial, usually appended with a numeral. If you don't know your WPUNJ system username password you can use the Username lookup link at <http://bb.wpunj.edu> , or go to it directly at: <http://www.wpunj.edu/username/>
- If you are already logged in to the WPUNJ system through WPCONNECT you won't have to re-enter your username and password -- just click the first login button.
- Find Blackboard Help at Bb Home, <http://bb.wpunj.edu>, before you access Bb, or on the Blackboard Support tab once you've logged in.
- You can always obtain Bb help by using the Problem Report form at <http://bb.wpunj.edu> , or by going to it directly at: <https://liberty.wpunj.edu/bb/support-center/> .

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Good luck and have fun in the course! Lori M. Albert