**Traffic Safety Education Course Prerequisites**

Thank you for your interest in the traffic safety education program at Western Oregon University! The Traffic Safety Education course has been designed to help you become traffic safety education professionals who are motivated, well informed, and prepared to provide exceptional training to novice drivers. Studies show that teens who successfully complete a driver education course in Oregon greatly reduce their chance of being in a fatal crash, and have fewer traffic convictions and suspensions. Oregon needs you to help teens develop lifelong safe driving habits.

***To successfully complete this course, you will need:***

1. Course time commitment:

o   Face-to-face classes typically meet from 8:30am - 5:30pm

o   Consistent attendance is required

o   Minimum of 9 weeks from start to course completion

o   Minimum of 8-10 hours per week for online portions of the course including homework

1. Complete ***all*** homework assignments on time
2. Effective communication skills
3. Possess a basic level of proficiency in the use of your computer software. (Be able to open, change, save as, upload, scan, download, and send documents, and navigate web pages.)
4. Have regular access to a computer that is less than six years old and equipped with the following:

* Functioning printer and headphones or speakers
* Windows 7 or OS X (10.5.8) or later
* Internet connection and one of the following browsers: Mozilla Firefox, Internet Explorer 9 or later, Safari 5.1 or later, or Google Chrome 17 or later
* Adobe Reader 11 or later
* Word processing (Microsoft Word)

Mac Users:

* Video player program such as Flip4Mac or Wondershare Player
* Adobe Reader (already mentioned but important to reinforce) is needed because the default Preview program in OS X does not open the Playbook PDF files.
* The word processing program has to be MS Office compatible or it won’t open the files.

1. Have a USB flash drive (bring to every face-to-face meeting); we recommend a 16 GB drive.

Please feel free to email [trafficsafety@wou.edu](mailto:trafficsafety@wou.edu) with any other questions.