**Night Driving Course Curriculum and Entry Requirements**

**Course Curriculum**

**Day 1**

**Rhonda & Diane pick up student at Hotel for CLSRM, PIC/Driving**

**CLSRM -** New Student Orientation, Introductions,

* Class Schedule & Course Outline
* Better Way – Smith System Introduction (DVD-S)
* Signs, Signals, & Markings (DVD-AAA)
* Night Driving (DVD-AAA)
* Getting Past the Orange Barrels (DVD-AAA)
* Detecting Critical Objects (DVD-D)

**PIC** - Review of bioptic use during driving

**BTW**  -Rt. 60 Hurricane- Rt. 34 – Teaysvalley - Nitro

**Day 2**

**CLSRM -** Interstate Driving (DVD-D)

* When the Sun Sets (V-F)

**PIC** - Dunbar – North Charleston Route

* South Charleston/ Joe Holland Route

**BTW**  - Dunbar – North Charleston Route

* South Charleston/ Joe Holland Route

**Day 3**

**CLSRM** - High Risk Situations (DVD-D)

**PIC** - **I**nterstate Driving

**BTW**  - Interstate Driving

**Day 4**

**CLSRM** - Review of Night Driving Skills

**PIC** - Preparation - DMV Commentary Drive Test

**BTW** - Preparation – DMV Maneuverability and On-Road Test

**Day 5**

**BTW - DMV Driver License Road Test**

**Entry Requirements**

**For consideration of West Virginia Class G/bioptic night time driving privileges, a client graduate of the WV Bioptic Driving Program needs to pursue the following:**

1. Client must have accrued 36 months of both at-fault accident free and moving violation free driving during daytime conditions to be considered for removal of night time driving restriction.
2. Client then contacts their DRS field counselor and requests that their case be reopened (if closed) for consideration of having your Class G driver’s license amended to full unrestricted driving privileges (day and night).
3. DSR field counselor then schedules client in for a complete clinical low vision re-examination, including visual field testing with a low vision clinician of their choice.
4. Low vision clinician completes exam and documents results on a WVDMV Vision Re-Examination Report Form (see attached), signs and dates form, then mails or faxes results to: Roxana Dove, RN, MSN, Medical Coordinator, WVDMV, P. O. Box 17030, Charleston, WV 25317, TEL: (304) 926-3961, FAX: (304) 926-0323. Have the eye doctor include a cover sheet or letter indicating their endorsement and that the latter results are part of client’s application for consideration of removal of the night time driving restriction on their Class G driver’s license.
5. After eye doctor examines and advises client that he/she still meets the visual requirements for our Program, he/she will also need to submit a short letter to Roxana Dove, RN, Medical Coordinator, WVDMV, P.O. Box 17030, Charleston, WV 25317, TEL: TEL: (304) 926-3961, FAX: (304) 957-0323, E-MAIL: Roxana.L.Dove@wv.gov indicating their request for consideration and approval to participate in night time bioptic driver education training offered through our agency, WVDRS.
6. Ms. Dove and her supervisor Larry Cavender will review and advise of their decision.
7. Once the latter review and approval is completed, Ms. Dove will call and/or forward their decision and copy of client’s updated eye exam to WVDRS Bioptic Driving Program staff to schedule a minimum of fifteen (15) hours of additional bioptic driver training under night time conditions (where applicable) at our Nitro, WV facility (5 hours of classroom, 5 hrs. of passenger-in-car, and 5 hrs. of behind-the-wheel training).  Such instruction usually starts with classroom instruction on a Sunday afternoon, followed by three (3) evenings of passenger-in-car and behind-the-wheel driving under night time conditions. DMV night time on-road testing is normally undertaken on Thursday evening of that same week, pending examiner availability.
8. As before, if client’s field counselor approves and authorizes, assigned secretary to the WVDRS Bioptic Driving Program staff will make and direct pay hotel reservations @ local South Charleston hotels and arrange free daily transportation to and from instructional sites accordingly.
9. Client also needs to check with their field counselor as to whether client qualifies for maintenance funds (for meals and other incidentals) during their short stay with us.
10. Upon satisfactory completion of the latter training (usually takes 3-4 days/evenings), client will be scheduled for an on-road night time driver’s test (out of the Winfield WVDMV driver testing center).
11. Upon passage of the latter, written results of night time driver’s training and DMV on-road testing will be forwarded to and reviewed and approved by appropriate WVDMV officials.
12. Usually, with the accompaniment of one of the Bioptic Driving staff, client ventures to the Winfield DMV Driver Testing Center the next morning and obtains their new Class G driver’s license ID card, which grants removal of their current night time driving restriction.