

Defensive Driving Course

The Defensive Driving Program is endorsed by the following:

- The America Bar Association
- The U. S. Dept. of Transportation
- The American Trial Lawyers Association
- The International Association of Chiefs of Police

Course is presented in cooperation with:

The National Safety Council (NSC)

South Carolina Department of Highways

Public Transportation

**Enjoy the course and remember:
DO NOT TEXT AND DRIVE!**



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For more information or to register
visit www.gvltec.edu/defensive-driving/
or call **864-250-8800**.

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**A Four-Point Reduction
For Traffic Violators**

**DDC-8
Defensive
Driving
Course**



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What This Course Will Do

South Carolina Point Reduction Program

Completion of the National Safety Council's Defensive Driving 8-hour (DDC-8) course can be used for up to a four-point reduction in a driver's Motor Vehicle Record. (This applies to individuals with a valid South Carolina Driver's License).

South Carolina drivers seeking to reduce their points and avoid suspension by attending a defensive driving course must complete the course *before* the suspension begins. They will have 30 days from the date of the suspension notice until the date the suspension begins. Once the suspension begins, the point reduction will not cancel the suspension.

Points may still only be reduced once in a three-year period.

What This Course Will Not Do

- The Defensive Driving course does not reduce your auto insurance rates. (Check with your insurance carrier about ways to obtain discounts).
- This class does not have the power to dismiss a ticket. You should check with your district court about ticket dismissal.
- Defensive Driving is NOT a class for Alcohol (DUI) or drug-related violations. Please call 864-467-3076 or visit www.daodas.state.sc.us/intervention.asp
- This course is NOT a driver's education course.

What You Must Do

- Register up to two days in advance by visiting www.gvltec.edu/defensive-driving/ or calling 864-250-8800. No walk-ins allowed.
- **If you miss any portion of the class, you do NOT receive credit for the course and no refund is given.**
- If you wish to attend another Defensive Driving course after missing any portion, you are required to register, pay the tuition fee again and attend the entire course.
- BE ON TIME! The classes start promptly at the scheduled time. You will find the door locked and admission denied if you are late. NO EXCEPTIONS ARE GRANTED TO THIS RULE.
- We must ensure that the integrity of the course is maintained and the full number of hours and course content are delivered to all attendees.
- A person may be dismissed from class for sleeping, doing other work or showing a general lack of interest.
- OUT-OF-STATE PARTICIPANTS: Individuals taking the DDC-8 Class for another state will be responsible for submitting any and all paperwork to that state. Neither the tech college nor the SC Chapter NSC office will handle any information pertaining to a defensive driving course being completed for another state other than South Carolina.

Schedule Options & Fees

Saturday
8:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$99

Important Information

1. This course is taught in English. Students must understand English to take the class. No translators are permitted to accompany a student.
2. If the violation date is before the Defensive Driving Course completion date, credit of up to four points will be given. All violations occurring after the completion date of the course will not be accepted.
3. Point reduction is good once every three years.
4. If an individual has one, two or three points assessed against their Motor Vehicle Record and the individual requests point reduction, they will be given however many points showing on their MVR at this time and will not be eligible to receive point reduction again for three (3) years.
5. SC law allows up to twelve (12) points before license suspension occurs.
6. All technical college point reduction rosters are submitted weekly to the SC Highway Department. If time is critical in the point reduction process, the Completion Certificate should be hand-delivered to the Driver Service Window at 1630 Shop Road in Columbia, SC.
7. All questions regarding driver's license status or violation information should be referred to Driver Service at (803) 896-5000.
8. Before enrolling in this course, you must verify that you have points on your driving record by going to www.scdmvonline.com.
9. To obtain a duplicate certificate, please contact the SC Chapter of the National Safety Council (NSC) at 800-733-6185.
10. The NSC's eight-hour Defensive Driving Course is an accredited point reduction program that is listed by name under SC Code 56-1-770. The course is offered and accepted nationally and internationally.
11. SC law requires you to change your name or address on department records within ten days of your actual name or address change. When you change your name or address with the department, all of the vehicle and driver records that relate to you will be updated.