



Driving Ambition, Inc.
“Your enabling partner facilitating independence”

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Resumes for Driving Ambition, Inc. Instructors working in New York

Christopher M Courtney

I was a Driver Training Instructor (DoDDI) for the Department of Defense in Heidelberg, Germany from 1986 to 1994. We were responsible for training and licensing all soldiers on any vehicle in the motor pool with wheels as well as family members in personal vehicles and with hand controls. I founded Driving Ambition, Inc. in 1995 in Oloh, MS. I initiated and started the State of Mississippi's high tech training for Vocational Rehabilitation. Due to our state of the art high tech evaluation vans and willingness to go anywhere to help, we were requested in other states to evaluate and train their clients/consumers, to include New York in 2001. We have assisted 42+ states since that time and are still currently a vendor for most of these states. We have been a Veterans Administration vendor since 1996. Department of labor vendor since 2015. ADED member beginning in 1997.

Since 1995, I have evaluated and trained over 1000 persons with disabilities to license. 95% of those were high tech systems for severe disabilities e.g(Duchenne and all forms of MD, Arthrogyrosis, Osteogenesis Imperfecta, High Quadriplegia, Multiple Sclerosis, Cerebral Palsy, Holt Oram syndrome, ALS, Spina Bifida, and many others) with 50% of those being full Joystick drivers. Many were persons other evaluators couldn't find a way or didn't have the technology. This is my life's work. I have a gift in finding a way for people to drive no matter the difficulty. It's a quest in my life, not a job.

Michael M Courtney

I have been working full time for Driving Ambition since January of 2015. I have been trained my entire life to be a driver evaluator, since I have traveled with my Dad while he worked all across the United States every summer. I started driving high tech equipment when I was a child at our property because I had access to it. I could drive a van with a joystick at 12. I learned how to set up the equipment and build orthotics. I spent the summer of 2014 evaluating and training 5 joystick drivers in 4 states with direct supervision and instruction from my father before becoming full time in 2015. ADED member beginning in 2018. I Have taken numerous ADED courses driver rehabilitation and vehicle mods as well as NHTSA courses on transportation and safety.

I have trained over 120 people to license on adaptive equipment, 88 of those being high tech systems. 63 of those were joysticks. Like my father has, I feel I have a gift in being able to find a way for people to succeed in achieving driving independence. I am experienced with all types of physical challenges to include (Amelia, Duchenne and all forms of MD, Arthrogyrosis, Osteogenesis Imperfecta, High Quadriplegia, Multiple Sclerosis, Cerebral Palsy, Holt Oram syndrome, ALS, Spina Bifida, and many others.

Please call me with any questions. 915-588-3774.

Sincerely,

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