

**NO WEB REGISTRATIONS ARE PERMITTED –
YOU MUST REGISTER BY MAIL OR FAX**

Dear Prospective Student:

The Connecticut Rider Education Program is a statewide program

directed by the CT Department of Transportation (DOT). At Manchester Community College, we offer three levels of training:



- **The Basic Rider Course (BRC)** is designed to help individuals with little or no riding experience, as well as those with some riding experience, to achieve a better understanding of what is involved in operating a motorcycle. The BRC begins with the development of the fundamental riding skills of turning, shifting and braking, and expands these basic skills into more advanced street-riding techniques. The course consists of seven hours of classroom instruction and twelve hours of on-cycle instruction. Motorcycles and helmets are provided. *Please note:* if you have never driven a bike, or have very little riding experience, you may want to consider the two-week course format (four classes across two weeks), which allows students more time to reflect upon the classroom and driving portions of the class. However, the content of all formats is identical, and students are encouraged to sign up for the schedule that best fits their needs. Participants must have a valid driver's license or a motorcycle learner's permit. Also, participants less than 18 years old must have a parent or guardian sign a waiver (see the State of Connecticut registration form enclosed) in order to be accepted into the class.
- **The Intermediate Rider Course (IRC)** is designed for riders with some riding experience. Participants must have a motorcycle operator's permit or motorcycle license, and a motorcycle to ride to (and during) class. The curriculum will focus primarily on street strategies, such as positioning yourself to be more visible in traffic, developing "RiderRadar" to help you perceive hazards around you, and the mental faculties needed for good risk management. A total of three hours of classroom training and seven hours of on-cycle training will be provided. Please note: due to the overwhelming demand for the Basic Rider Course, only two sections of this Intermediate course will be offered.
- **The Experienced Rider Course (ERC)** is an advanced course designed for riders with more than 1,000 miles of riding experience. Participants must have a motorcycle license and a motorcycle to ride to (and during) class. This is your chance to practice "survival skills" and explore traction management, swerving, cornering and braking techniques in this eight-hour on-cycle-training course. Please note: due to the overwhelming demand for the Basic Rider Course, only two sections of this Experienced course will be offered.

Course Benefits

- BRC and IRC students who successfully complete the course will be given a **90-day waiver** valid at the Department of Motor Vehicles. The waiver exempts the student from having to take the on-cycle skills test for motorcycle licensing. The knowledge skills portion and the appropriate fees are still required.
- Also upon successful completion of the course, students may be entitled to a 10% insurance discount; please contact your agent for details.

Important Facts about this Course

All levels of training present the necessary skills for survival on the street. Since the curriculum progresses at an aggressive pace, you should be aware of the following facts:

- Operating any vehicle brings with it responsibility and risk, including the risk of serious injury. **All participants (or parents of participants, if under 18 years of age) must sign the Release Waiver and Indemnification Statement prior to participation on the enclosed State of Connecticut registration form.**
- Riding a motorcycle is much more difficult than riding a bicycle or operating a car. It involves a great deal of hand/eye coordination. You must be able to balance a two-wheeled vehicle. If not, please practice before attending.
- Always come to class in good physical condition—well rested, attentive and able to fully participate.
- You will be required to push a motorcycle.
- You will be required to read and study the workbook provided.
- On average about 70-80% of enrollees successfully complete this course. During the course you may discover or be told that riding a motorcycle is not for you. For your safety and the safety of others, the instructor may not allow you to continue.
- Classes are conducted in all weather conditions, so come to each session prepared! Bring rain gear, warm clothes (for cold days), water, lunch and a snack.
- **NO REFUNDS ARE ISSUED UNLESS A COURSE IS CANCELLED BY THE COLLEGE.**

Essential Items Required for the Driving Portion of Your Class (not necessary for the classroom portion; if unsure about your items meeting the requirements, you may bring them to class for instructor approval)

Students without any one of the following items will **not** be allowed to ride:

- helmet (one will be provided if needed)
- eye protection (face shield, goggles or glasses)
- long-sleeved shirt or jacket
- full-fingered gloves, leather preferred
- long, ankle-length pants (denim or other heavy material)
- leather boots or leather athletic shoes (over-the-ankle style)
- *IRC and ERC students must have a motorcycle to ride to (and during) class.*

Location of Classroom Sessions and On-Cycle Training

- All classroom sessions are scheduled at Manchester Community College (MCC). Be sure to check the room location on the Confirmation Letter that will be mailed to you after you have been enrolled in your course, and allow enough time to find your classroom when you arrive.
- The on-cycle sessions are held at one of two Manchester locations: at MCC (Parking Lot A) or at the commuter parking lot near the Buckland Hills Mall. The location of your on-cycle sessions will be noted on your Confirmation Letter, and will also be announced during the first classroom session at MCC.
- Maps and directions will be mailed to you with your Confirmation Letter.

Fees and Registration

- The fees are as follows: **BRC - \$165; IRC - \$115; ERC - \$85**
- Please note that there are **two registration forms: one for MCC and another for the State of Connecticut, in addition to a separate Waiver Form.** You must completely fill out **ALL THREE** forms, or your registration will be delayed.
- **Payment is due at time of registration. Registrations are accepted by mail or fax only. No walk-ins, please; and absolutely no Web registrations.** You may pay using a personal check, money order, or your MasterCard or Visa (credit-card information must be noted on the MCC registration form).
- Cash payments are not accepted.
- **Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis.** The 2007 schedule is included in this mailing. **In addition to your first preference, please select a second and third choice, if possible.** This can potentially save time if your first choice is filled by the time MCC receives your registration.
- Confirmation Letters will be mailed to you once your course section has been filled. Please note: If your first choice is filled, MCC will *automatically* enroll you in your second or third choice, if available. Therefore, keep your schedule open for all of your choices.
- **ONCE YOUR PAYMENT HAS BEEN PROCESSED, THERE ARE ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS OR RESCHEDULING OF CLASSES. YOU MUST ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN ALL SESSIONS, IN SEQUENCE. NO EXCEPTIONS.** Any absence will require you to register for another course, pay again, and start from the beginning. If you know you will miss a session for any reason, do not enroll in that time slot; choose another session.
- If you intend to participate in this class with a companion, both registrations must be submitted together to guarantee placement in the same class. Rescheduling is strictly prohibited.

CHECKLIST:

Registrations will only be processed when we receive all of the following:

1. Your payment of \$165 for BRC or \$115 for IRC or \$85 for ERC. Please make check or money order payable to: *MCC*. If paying by credit card (MasterCard or VISA only), the card information is required on the MCC registration form. Cash payments are not accepted.
2. A completed MCC registration form.
3. A completed State of Connecticut registration form
4. A completed Waiver for Adults Form. Or, if you are under 18 years of age, you must complete a Waiver for Minors Form, on which your parents or legal guardian must sign the release waiver.

Mail Registration (with check payment or credit card information):

Manchester Community College
Continuing Education
Attn: Motorcycle Safety Program
P.O. Box 1046, MS # 16
Manchester, CT 06045-1046

Fax Registration (for credit card payment only):

If you are using a MasterCard or Visa, you may fax your completed forms to us at **(860) 512-2801**.

For more information, please call (860) 512-3004, Option #2, Extension 8705, and leave a detailed message. We will respond to your inquiry as soon as we can.