

CDL-A PROFESSIONAL TRUCK DRIVING

Program Description

The CDL-A Professional Truck Driving program is a 200 hour program which prepares the graduate to enter the commercial driving industry as an over-the-road-truck driver.

Professional truck drivers are in high demand

Enjoy financial security with a career that takes you where you want to go.

STLCC's comprehensive truck driving program helps prepare you for a well-paying career in commercial truck driving, one of the fastest growing opportunities in the United States today. Gain substantial knowledge and practical skills needed to become an entry-level over-the-road or local truck driver.

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Features

- Classroom lab instruction emphasizing safety, FMCSR regulations, trip planning, pre-trip inspections and more.
- Several hours of mastering skilled backing maneuvers, as well as urban, rural and highway driving.
- Experience shifting gears on a high-tech simulator in a safe environment.
- A 4:1 student-teacher ratio.
- Highly respected training recognized by employers as thorough, individualized and effective.
- Training and credentials you can take to employers of your choice.

Program Goals

- Prepare you for a well-paying career in commercial truck driving, one of the fastest growing opportunities in the United States today.
- Gain substantial knowledge and practical skills needed to become an entry-level over-the-road or local truck driver.
- Ensures you receive the training and behind-the-wheel experience employers value by having course curriculum that exceeds the "Entry-Level Driver Training" (ELDT) standards mandated by the U.S. Department of Transportation - Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).

Eligibility

The following items/steps/qualifications are required:

- A valid driver's license,
- A recent copy of motor vehicle driving record for review (good driving record required),
- A Commercial learner's permit (Class A without air brake restriction),
- Participants must be 21 years of age or older,
- Upon enrollment, you will be sent for a Department of Transportation (DOT) drug test and DOT Physical. A negative DOT drug test and a successful DOT Physical are required to be eligible to drive a combination

motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of more than 26,000 lbs in class.

- If English is not your first language, you must demonstrate a level of English language proficiency through STLCC's ESL Assessment (<https://stlcc.edu/admissions/testing-centers/esl-assessment.aspx>),
- Taking a WorkKeys Assessment is recommended and may be required to be eligible for external funding.
 - Minimum WorkKeys Scores:
 - Workplace Documents: 4
 - Applied Math: 3
 - Graphic Literacy: 4

Program Location

STLCC - Forest Park

Program Cost

- **Tuition:** \$6,000
- **DOT drug test:** \$75
- **DOT physical:** \$100

Financial Aid Eligibility

This program is **not** Federal Financial Aid/Pell Eligible. Need-based funding may be available.

How to Get Started

Start the enrollment process by visiting the CDL-A Professional Truck Driving (<https://stlcc.edu/programs-academics/accelerated-job-training/cdl-a-truck-driving.aspx>) page.