



TRUCK DRIVING PROGRAM

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The Transportation Industry is growing and there is a high demand for well-trained drivers. This five-week course utilizes state-of-the-art simulator training, classroom instruction, range and road driving, and practical application of skills used in the operation of a tractor-trailer. The truck-driving course prepares students to complete the written exams and the driving exam necessary to receive a Class A Commercial Driver's License (CDL). The course meets all Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration guidelines. Students who successfully complete the entire course will receive a class "A" Commercial Driver License, a certificate of completion and be qualified to secure an entry-level job as a Commercial Motor Vehicle driver.

Truck Driving Program Course Dates:

- September 11th- October 12th **FULL**
- October 23rd – November 30th
- December 11th - January 25th

Daytime Classes

Week 1: Monday- Thursday 8a-5p

Week 2-5: Monday- 8a-5p Tuesday-Thursdays times vary

Additional Classes will be added in the future

Qualifications: **STUDENTS MUST PROVIDE ALL DOCUMENTATION 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE START OF CLASS**

1. Student must be 18 years of age at the commencement of the course.
2. Student is required to have a DOT physical (Department of Transportation Medical Card) and clean drug screen completed prior to class. Cost of the physical and drug screen is not included. Please note that per federal guidelines, drug screen results must be within 30 days of the start of class. The following link explains the physical qualifications for a Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) driver: [Click here for Physical Qualifications](#).
3. Student must also have a copy of a clean driving record obtained through the Texas DPS office with 3 years of driving history.
4. Student must apply for a Class A Learner Permit (CLP) at the Texas Department of Public Safety office no more than 2 weeks prior to the start of their class date. Prospective students may check their license eligibility at the following link: [Click here for License Eligibility](#). Or visit www.texas.gov/licenseeligibility

Registration:

- Copy of valid Drivers License. Student must have a current and valid Driver License.
- A student may enroll in Part I of the Truck Driving course to hold their seat. The \$500 tuition is required upon registration

Applying for Class A CDL Learner Permit

Students will need to apply for their Class A CDL learner permit (CLP) prior to the start of class. Students **will not be required** to take any tests at the DPS office until after the class begins. If one of the DPS staff asks, let them know that you will not be taking any tests; you just need to apply for your permit. The application will cost \$25.00. **When applying for the permit, the prospective student will need to take two proofs of residence, their DOT medical card, birth certificate and social security card with them and submit the following forms:**

[Texas DPS Forms and Information](#)

***Forms are available at the DPS office.** All forms must be completed in black ink. **Do not sign any of the forms until you are in front of the DPS counter staff.** The CLP pre-registration expires after 90 days.

Do NOT apply until you have met with the CDL Instructor.

*Total Cost to Obtain CDL:

Tuition: \$4,000

Additional Fees (estimated):

DPS Fees: Check the DPS website for up-to-date fees

DOT Physical and Drug screen: \$100

Book and additional supplies: \$75

*Additional fees are subject to change

Funding Options:

If you need assistance paying for the Vernon College Truck Driving Program, you may contact the following departments:

- Region IX – Xochitl Pruitt – (940) 322-6928
- Texas Workforce Solutions – (940) 322-1801
- Vernon College Continuing Education Scholarship (ONLY available if denied by TWC and Region IX)

Disclaimer: Vernon College trains for the Texas state CDL exam. If a student lives outside of Texas, the student must know Vernon College will not travel more than a 60 mile radius for the driving exam with the Vernon College truck.

Visit our website www.vernoncollege.edu/truckdriving or email us at truckdriving@vernoncollege.edu for more information.