
Truck Driving

The noncredit truck driving program teaches students the fundamentals of truck operation, safety and government regulations, and necessary record keeping. Upon completion of the program, students take the U.S. Department of Transportation and Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles license exams. This program is approved for the training of veterans. Many employers require a criminal background check prior to employment. Individuals with a criminal record may not be eligible for employment in some settings.

A Certificate of Continued Learning is issued upon successful completion of the course.

Program of Study

- A. 190 contact hours of classroom and lab instruction covering such topics as: public and employer relations, accident procedures, extreme driving conditions, hazard perception, regulation agencies (DOT-CVSA), daily logs, fire-fighting, personal health and safety, trip planning, speed and space management, vehicle preventive maintenance, cargo handling and documentation, hazardous materials, basic control of vehicle, coupling and uncoupling, backing and shifting, concourse, city and two-lane highway driving, and other related topics including CDL training and testing.
- B. 50 hours of driving (range and street), including accompanying instructor in truck cab and actual driving under supervision.

Total of 240 contact hours.

Students are trained in conventional tractor-trailer combination units with ten speed transmissions. The number of students is limited to eight per class.

Prerequisites

Students must be 21 years of age and have a valid driver's license. Students are also cautioned that the physical requirements for a class A Commercial Driver License (required for truck-tractor operators) must be consistent with the standards of the United States Department of Transportation. The required drug/alcohol testing includes pre-admittance, random, post accident, and reasonable suspicion testing.