

## CDL Class A Technical Diploma

### Getting Started

#### Step 1 Confirm your program choice

- You are encouraged to contact the Truck Driving Hotline at 262.691.5502 or email us at truckdriving@wctc.edu to receive detailed information. WCTC Truck Driving instructors will be available to answer questions regarding eligibility, course offerings and program requirements.

#### Step 2 Create a student account, if you do not have one

- Go to [www.wctc.edu/create-account](http://www.wctc.edu/create-account) to create an instant account or call 262.691.5578.

#### Step 3 Attend a mandatory Truck Driving Information Session

- Sign up online at [www.wctc.edu/truck](http://www.wctc.edu/truck).

#### Step 4 Schedule and complete a Department of Transportation (DOT) Physical

- WCTC will accept a DOT Medical Card from any approved DOT medical site. Approved physicians can be found at: [nationalregistry.fmcsa.dot.gov/NRPublicUI/home.seam](http://nationalregistry.fmcsa.dot.gov/NRPublicUI/home.seam) (web address is case sensitive).
- Contact individual medical sites for DOT physical pricing information.
- Once the DOT physical is complete, email your contact information (phone number, etc.), a copy or scan of the Federal Medical Examiner Certificate (Fed Med Card) and a copy or scan of your current driver license to truckdriving@wctc.edu.
- The WCTC Truck Driving department will verify your valid Class D driver's license and Fed Med Card, before course registration permits are issued.

**Please Note:** The WCTC Truck Driving program prepares students for the Commercial Driver License (CDL) skills exam which is required to obtain the Class A, with air brakes, CDL. Visit [www.cristcdl.com](http://www.cristcdl.com) for practice CDL tests. Students must have a valid driver's license and a good driving record. Students must be 18 years of age; 21 years of age to drive commercially out of the state.

A CDL learner's permit is required prior to beginning course **458-345 Truck Driving - Road Experience**. A CDL learner's permit course will be available if additional assistance is needed in passing the permit test. Call the Truck Driving Hotline for fee information.

### Other points of information

**Tuition:** Tuition rates are established annually by the Wisconsin Technical College System Board. Tuition reflects rates at the time of printing. Fees are subject to change without notice. Visit our website at [www.wctc.edu/tuition](http://www.wctc.edu/tuition) for current tuition and fee information. See specific cost breakdown on back.

**Payment and policies:** You are responsible for WCTC's policies regarding registration and payment. WCTC offers a payment plan or payment in full with check, cash or credit card. Please contact the WCTC Registration Department for more detailed payment information at 262.691.5578. Payment plan options are available each term. Processing fees apply and vary based on plan selection. Enroll in a plan online through the Student Account Center (login to Portal and click on myWCTCaccount). Call 262.691.5283 or email [billing@wctc.edu](mailto:billing@wctc.edu) with payment plan questions.

**Drug test policy:** There will be a mandatory all-class DOT drug test given once the classroom portion of the program starts. If you fail this drug test you will be dropped from the program and lose all money paid to WCTC for 'Truck Driving Theory', and 'Truck Driving Fundamentals'. You may possibly be reimbursed for 'Truck Driving Basic Experience' and 'Truck Driving Road Experience', depending on the time of drug testing.



## Truck Driving – Frequently Asked Questions

### How will this program prepare me for a career?

- The program prepares you to become a professionally trained Truck Driver and test for the Wisconsin Class A Commercial Driver's License (CDL).
- Training is provided by experienced and knowledgeable instructors with years of field and classroom teaching experience. During the behind the wheel instruction the typical instructor ratio is 3 students per 1 instructor.

### What does the program cover?

- Classroom training is designed to introduce the rules and regulations as they relate to commercial vehicle driving and safe handling techniques. How to properly inspect vehicles, complete map reading and trip planning, and employment outlook will also be covered.
- Yard skills training will cover orientation and introduction to the vehicle. Practice maneuvering, gear-shifting, backing, and stopping behind-the-wheel of WCTC tractor-trailers.
- Road skills training will provide students opportunities to practice lane changes, turns, shifting, and uphill/downhill driving. Students will be evaluated after each driving session.
- At the conclusion of skills training the student will test with the Wisconsin DOT to obtain a CDL-A driving license. Testing fee includes WCTC Truck and Trailer and is completed onsite.

### Where is the training held?

- Training is held online and at the WCTC Pewaukee Campus; 800 Main Street, Pewaukee, WI 53072 in the T Building.

### When are the next course offerings?

- Specific course dates will be provided at the Information Session. Sign up online at [www.wctc.edu/truck](http://www.wctc.edu/truck).

### What is the employment outlook?

- According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of truck drivers is projected to grow 11% from 2012 to 2022. As the economy grows, the demand for goods will increase, and more truck drivers will be needed to keep supply chains moving.

Estimated Employment		Percent Change	Average Number of Openings per Year
2010	2020		
45,460	54,950	20.9%	1,850

### What is the estimated cost for the 2020-2021 Academic Year?

Category	Payment Recipient	Payment Option	Cost
Tuition – 12 Credit Program	WCTC	Payment plan available	\$2512.53
iPad Rental - Optional	WCTC Bookstore	Out of pocket	\$100.00
Mandatory Accident Only Insurance	WCTC	Payment plan available	\$6.00
Classroom Materials	WCTC Bookstore	Out of pocket	\$129.99
DOT Physical	DOT-approved medical site	Out of pocket	Approximately \$75
CDL Learner's Permit	Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)	Out of pocket	\$30.00
CDL Skills and Road Test	WCTC	Out of pocket	\$150.00
Graduation fees	WCTC	Out of pocket	\$39.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$3,042.52</b>

**Financial Aid:** This program is not eligible for financial aid.

### What additional supplies are required for the course?

- Work gloves, flashlight and internet access.

