

Professional Truck Driver I

The objective of the Professional Truck Driver 1 program is to provide our students with basic knowledge and skills in preparation for successfully completing the Commercial Driver's License (CDL) exam. An individual successful completing this program should have experienced the ability to safely operate a tractor-trailer. A full time student will be scheduled for 160 clock hours to be completed in 3-4 weeks.

CLP PERMIT: It is recommended that every student obtain their CLP (permit) **before** they begin class. Due to DPS scheduling changes, DMC office staff will be scheduling DPS driving tests **14 DAYS AFTER STUDENTS HAS RECIVED THEIR CLP**. Ex: Permit (Special Requirements, General Knowledge, Combination Vehicle, and Air brakes). *Students who do not complete the proper requirements in classroom (online assignments and homework) or have not successfully completed all written exams at DPS to obtain the CLP will not be allowed to continue to the hands on – SKILLS AREA AND OVER THE ROAD INSTRUCTION.* Students will **also** have to be **ROAD CERTIFIED** on the **last day of class** in order to keep their driving test time.

Failure to successfully complete certification road test by an instructor will result in a student not being able to take road test at DPS. Additional training time will be considered upon program availability and by a case by case status.

CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION: This section, consisting of 50 clock hours, is designed to provide the student with the information needed to obtain the requirements for a Class A CDL, which includes Air Brakes, Combination Vehicles, General Knowledge, and Pre-Trip. (Optional endorsements include Doubles & Triples, Hazardous Materials, and Tanker.) In addition, the student will be familiarized with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR) and various types of transmissions, and be taught how to maintain a Driver's Daily Log. Note: (Hazardous Material Endorsement requires an additional fee for a background check)

SKILL AREA INSTRUCTION: This section, consisting of 50 clock hours of behind the wheel training and observation, is designed to provide the student with the ability to safely maneuver a tractor-trailer unit into a park position. This instruction includes straight-line backing, alley docking, blind-side parallel parking, coupling & uncoupling, and pre-trip inspection.

OVER THE ROAD INSTRUCTION: This section, consisting of 60 clock hours of behind the wheel training and observation, is designed to prepare the student to safely operate a tractor-trailer unit. The student will practice the proper methods of shifting techniques, approaching intersections, left/right hand turns, entering/exiting freeway ramps, and using mirrors while driving both forward and backwards in congestive traffic. Each student will be required to maintain a Driver's Daily Log. The student's progress will be documented daily. On the last day of road training, student will be given a driver's certification road test by an instructor. This certification ensures the student has met the course objective and is ready to test at the Department of Public Safety (DPS) for a Class A CDL.

I have read and understand the Professional Truck Driver 1 curriculum.

(Signature)

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