

# TRUCK DRIVING

Wabash Valley College



## Certificate Program

The commercial Truck Driving certificate program is a practical course in semi-truck tractor trailer operation to enable the student to satisfactorily start, move, road test, and operate the truck tractor combination. The student will practice the pre-trip inspection and the skills necessary to pass the IL Class A Commercial Driver's License examination.

**Students may get their CDL license at age 18, but cannot drive out of state or haul hazardous materials until age 21.**

The demand for drivers is increasing as the amount of freight carried by trucks increases. This occupation has among the largest number of job openings each year. The truck driving course is offered at all four campuses within the IECC District:

- FCC in Fairfield, IL
- LTC in Robinson, IL
- OCC in Olney, IL
- WVC in Mt. Carmel, IL

Check with Student Services Office or [www.iecc.edu](http://www.iecc.edu) for complete course listings and times.

## Job Outlook & Opportunities

Nearly all goods are transported during some, or all, of their journey from producers to consumers.

Driver-training courses are a desirable method of preparing for truck driving jobs. Employers prefer applicants with a good driving record and some previous experience driving a truck. One very important element in becoming a truck driver is the ability to handle responsibility in a mature manner. Employers will entrust you with valuable equipment and cargo. They will depend on you to handle the equipment correctly and to do a good job. Truck drivers may advance to dispatcher, fleet manager or to traffic work, for example, planning delivery schedules.



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# Course Curriculum

## First Semester

Prefix/Num	Title	CR
TRK 1201	Truck Driving	7
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>7</b>

## Course Overview

**The Truck Driving program is a hands-on course consisting of 75 classroom hours, 10 simulator hours, and 40 hours behind-the-wheel driving time. Behind-the-wheel driving is scheduled between the student and driver trainer outside of regular classroom hours.**

**Students must pass a D.O.T. physical examination and a D.O.T. drug test, a written examination on driving regulations, and a driving test. Students should have good hearing and at least 20-40 vision with or without glasses or contacts, be able to lift heavy objects, and be in good health.**

**The course will teach the student federal rules and regulations that govern interstate travel for trucks and also the D.O.T. log book. Other areas of study include various operating authorities, permits, insurance, licensing and cost per mile expenses. Different methods of truck revenue will also be covered.**

**The student will be advanced from class entry skills to competent skills in areas such as night driving, defensive driving, and specific road hazards under a variety of load conditions. The student will learn about additional license and permits in the industry.**

## Student Checklist

**Before the next Truck Driving course begins, the student should:**

- **Register for classes by contacting Student Services.**
- **Pay tuition and fees or present Agency Voucher to the college Business Office at the time of registration.**
- **Purchase textbook from the Campus Bookstore**
- **Contact their Physician and complete D.O.T. Physical and D.O.T. Drug test.**

**NOTE: DRUG TEST RESULTS SHOULD BE MAILED DIRECTLY TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:**

**Truck Driving Department  
2200 College Drive  
Mt. Carmel, IL 62863**

**\*\*Students need to register the first night of class at least one week prior to the start of class and have their D.O.T. Physical and D.O.T. Drug Screen completed at least one week prior to class.\*\***

**\*\*Additional placement testing may be required.\*\***

**Tuition Refund Policy  
For IECC's complete tuition refund policy, please visit [www.iecc.edu](http://www.iecc.edu)**

### Frontier Community College

2 Frontier Drive  
Fairfield, IL 62837-2601  
618.842.3711 or  
877.464.3637 Toll Free

### Lincoln Trail College

11220 State Highway 1  
Robinson, IL 62454-5707  
618.544.8657 or  
866.582.4322 Toll Free

### Olney Central College

305 North West Street  
Olney, IL 62450-1099  
618.395.7777 or  
866.622.4322 Toll Free

### Wabash Valley College

2200 College Drive  
Mt. Carmel, IL 62863-2699  
618.262.8641 or  
866.982.4322 Toll Free

**For more information, contact  
Student Services (618) 262-8641 or [brownj7@iecc.edu](mailto:brownj7@iecc.edu)**

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