



## Commercial Drivers License (CDL-A)

*Adult Education Course - 60 Course Hours*

Plattsburgh Satellite Campus

The Tractor Trailer Driver Training Program is a 60-hour, experiential course offering instruction on a variety of topics such as: Introduction to the Tractor Trailer, Vehicle Control Systems, Inspections, Basic Control, Proficiency Development, Safe Operating Procedures, Advanced Operating Procedures, and Street Driving. Completion of the CDL Class A program leads to eligibility for Department of Motor Vehicle testing and licensure.



## Program Highlights

- 60 Hours “Cab” Time
- Instructor-Student Ratio: 2:1
- Emphasis on Driving Skills
- Introduction to the Tractor Trailer
- Control Systems
- Inspections
- Proficiency Development
- Advanced Operating Procedures
- Street Driving
- Assistance in Testing Arrangements

## Career Connections

- CDL-A Driver

## Prerequisites

- Must be 21 Years of Age or Older
- CDL Class A Driver’s Permit (DMV)
- Recent Physical Examination (DOT)
- Recent Drug Test (DOT)
- Previous Experience with Standard Shift Vehicle
- Background Check

## Certifications

- NYS Licensure

## Course of Study

### Introduction

- Commercial Motor Vehicles
- Commercial Drive License (CDL) & Commercial Learner Permit (CLP) Classes, Endorsement & Restrictions
- CDL and CLP Requirements
- CDL Tests
- Additional Requirements for Bus Drivers
- Driver Disqualifications
- Other Commercial Privilege Rules
- International Registration Plan
- International Fuel Tax Agreement

### Introduction to the Tractor Trailer

### Vehicle Control Systems

- Controls
- Function of Vehicle Instruments
- Shifting

### Inspections

- Types of Vehicle Inspections
- Inspection Details
- Pre-Trip Inspection Procedures
- En-Route and Post-Trip Inspections
- Additional Procedures for Special Vehicles
- Reporting
- Vehicle Systems

### Basic Control

- Starting, Warming Up & Shutting Down
- In Motion & Stopping
- Backing in a Straight Line
- Turning
- Range Exercises & Practice
- Pre-Street Range Test
- Coupling and Uncoupling

### Proficiency Development

- Backing
- Space Management
- Speed Management
- On-Street Proficiency Development

### Safe Operating Procedures

- Visual Search
- Lane Changing
- Passing, Merging, Exiting & Turning
- Parking Procedures
- Preparing for Street Lessons

### Advanced Operating Procedures

- Diagnosing & Reporting Malfunctions
- Troubleshooting & Problem Solving
- Reporting Requirement: Log Books
- Night Operation

### Street Driving