



CDL-B to A Upgrade

Adult Education Course - 30 Course Hours

Plattsburgh Satellite Campus

The Tractor Trailer Driver Training Program is a 30-hour, experiential course for those who already possess a Class B CDL and want to earn their Class A CDL. Instruction is offered 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-B to CDL-A Upgrade course leads to eligibility for Department of Motor Vehicle testing and licensure.



Program Highlights

- 30 Hours "Cab" Time
- Course Length: 3-4 Weeks
- Cab Time Arranged by Appointment
- Instructor-Student Ratio: 2:1
- Emphasis on Driving Skills
- Year-Round, Rolling Admission
- FMCSA Entry-Level Driver Training compliant
- Instructor assistance in planning testing arrangements
- Truck provided for training and road test
- Financial assistance available for qualified adults
- Classes meet at CV-TEC Satellite Campus

Career Connections

- CDL-A Driver

Prerequisites

- Must be 21 Years of Age or Older
- Class B Commercial Driver's License
- CDL Class A Driver's Permit (DMV)
- Recent Physical Examination (DOT)
- Previous Experience with Standard Shift Vehicle (recommended)

Requirements

- Completion of 30 hours of behind-the-wheel training (public road and range)
- Successful completion of self-paced online theory course (approximately 12 hours)
- Pass all parts of the NYS CDL-A road test

Certifications

- NYS Licensure

Contact Us

**Call 518-561-0100 x281
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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