

PROFESSIONAL TRUCK DRIVING SKILL AWARD

Northeast Community College's Professional Truck Driving Skill Award training offers a comprehensive eight-week course designed to equip students with the skills necessary to obtain a Class A Commercial Driver's License (CDL). The curriculum includes 240 hours of classroom and lab instruction, covering topics such as public and employer relations, accident procedures, extreme driving conditions, hazard perception, regulation agencies (DOT-CVSA-FMCSA), daily logs, fire safety, trip planning, speed and space management, vehicle preventive maintenance, cargo handling and documentation, hazardous materials, basic control of vehicle, coupling and uncoupling, backing and shifting, concourse, city and two-lane highway driving, and other related topics including CDL training and testing. This immersive training not only prepares students to pass their CDL exam with confidence but also positions them to enter a high-demand, high-paying industry where skilled drivers are essential to keeping goods and services moving across the country. Many graduates secure employment quickly, with opportunities to earn competitive wages and enjoy the stability and independence that a professional driving career can offer.

Prior to being accepted into the class, applicants must complete a CASAS test if necessary through Adult Education, or provide documentation United States high school diploma, or United States GED. A certificate of continued learning is issued upon successful completion of the course.

Required Program of Study for Skill Award (8 weeks)

Course	Credits
TRDR 1000 Professional Truck Driving	<u>7.5</u>
Total Credit Hours	7.5

Prerequisites

Students must be at least 18 years old if a Nebraska resident or 21 years of age or older if not a Nebraska resident and have a valid driver's license. Students are also cautioned that the physical requirements for a class A Commercial Driver License (required for truck-tractor operators) must be consistent with the standards of the United States Department of Transportation. The required drug/alcohol testing includes pre-admittance, random, post-accident, and reasonable suspicion testing.