

Trucking Industry

The trucking industry is a vital pillar of the economy that most people undervalue as a job. However, trucking is responsible for moving 70% of all freight in the United States and 80% of US communities depend on trucks for the delivery of everyday goods spanning from raw materials food medicine fuel and much more.

Although trucking is often overlooked when it comes to deciding on a rewarding career, it's a profession that provides plenty of opportunity for work growth and freedom. According to American Trucking Association, the industry will be short by at least 100,000 drivers by 2026, making it an opportune time to pursue a career as a professional truck driver.

History

LCCC's CDL program was spurred by a conversation between LCCC's President, Dr. Schaffer, and Wyoming's Governor Gordon in September 2019. In November 2019, LCCC Dean of Outreach & Workforce Development, Maryellen Tast, in conjunction with Eastern Wyoming College (Torrington), and Northwest College (Powell) established a CDL consortium. In March 2021, LCCC officially launched a non-credit Commercial Driver's License program.

The program is supported by an Industry Advisory Board that provides insight and identifies specific needs of the trucking industry as it relates to Cheyenne, Wyoming. The board consists of local businesses, including hospitality, tourism; oil and gas; construction, transportation, manufacturing and other industries. LCCC is also preparing for the Ground Based Strategic Deterrent (GBSD) project, which is focusing on upgrades to the missile system at F.E. Warren Air Force Base. With the current CDL driver shortage and projected industrial and military expansion in the area, LCCC Outreach & Workforce Development (OWD) is proactively attempting to offer needed training to the Wyoming workforce.

Mission

The mission of Laramie County Community College is to transform our students' lives through the power of inspired learning.

LCCC understands that our students, regardless of how they arrive at LCCC, yearn for a better life by engaging in the process of acquiring knowledge. Thus, we are compelled to aid this transformation by offering diverse educational experiences designed to be inspirational for all those involved in the learning process. While we recognize our work is diverse, the entirety of the work we do is grounded in the four foundational elements of the comprehensive community college mission:

- To prepare people to succeed academically in college-level learning (academic preparation)
- To engage our students in learning activities that will prepare and advance them through the pursuit of a baccalaureate degree (transfer preparation)
- To develop individuals to enter or advance in productive, life-fulfilling occupations and professions (workforce development)
- To enrich the communities we serve through activities that stimulate and sustain a healthy society and economy (community development)



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Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Program



CLASS A CDL

Required to operate any combination of vehicles with a gross combination weight rating (GVWR) of 26,001 or more pounds, provided the towed vehicle is heavier than 10,000 pounds.

Vehicles you may drive include: tractor-trailers (also known as semi, big rig or 18-wheeler), truck and trailer combinations, tanker vehicles, livestock carriers, flatbeds.

Must pass the following tests: General Knowledge, Air Brakes, Combination Vehicle, Pre-Trip Inspection, Basic Controls, Driving/Skills.



COMMERCIAL LEARNER'S PERMIT

A commercial learner's permit (CLP) is a permit provided by the state of Wyoming. It authorizes individuals to receive instructions and practice driving skills to operate commercial motor vehicles. Obtaining a CLP is the first step towards earning a commercial driver's license. Wyoming License Requirements Applicants for the Class A commercial driver license (CDL) must be at

least 18 years of age. Prior to age of 21, individuals will only be able to drive a commercial vehicle in the state of Wyoming. In addition, they will not be permitted to transport hazardous materials. When the individual turns 21, that restriction is automatically removed. An individual must pass both a written knowledge exam and pass the driving skills test.

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CLASS B CDL

Required to operate any single vehicle that isn't hitched to a trailer (commercial trucks that have an attached cab and cargo area with a combined weight greater than 26,000 pounds, as well as trucks with a detached towed cargo vehicle that weighs less than 10,000 pounds).

Vehicles you may drive include: straight trucks, large buses (city buses, tourist buses, and school buses), segmented buses, box trucks (including delivery trucks and furniture trucks), dump trucks with small trailers.

Must pass the following tests: General Knowledge, Air Brakes, Combination Vehicle, Pre-Trip Inspection, Basic Controls, Driving/Skills.



TEAM

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* Indicates WY certified third party CDL examiner

CLASS C CDL

Required to operate a single vehicle with GVWR of less than 26,001 pounds or a vehicle towing another vehicle that weighs less than 10,000 pounds, or transports 16 or more passengers, including the driver.



Vehicles you may drive including the driver, buses, tank trucks, hazmat vehicles.

Must pass the following tests: General Knowledge, Air Brakes, Combination Vehicle, Pre-Trip Inspection, Basic Controls, Driving/Skills.

New Regulations

On February 7, 2022 new training regulations go into effect. FMCSA's Entry Level Driver Training Program sets the baseline for training requirements for entry-level drivers. This includes those applying to:

Obtain a Class A or Class B CDL for the first time.

Upgrade an existing Class B CDL to a Class A CDL

Obtain a school bus (S), passenger (P), or hazardous materials (H) endorsement for the first time.

The Entry-Level Driver Training regulations are not retroactive;

The entry-level driver training requirements do not apply to individuals holding a valid CDL or an S, P, or H endorsement issued prior to February 7, 2022.



INDUSTRY RELATED TRAINING

SIMULATOR TRAINING

In December 2019 the CDL program obtained a Commercial Motor Vehicle simulator. Simulation prepares a driver physically, mentally and behaviorally for the challenges of operating a vehicle under various conditions, without risk of costly incidents. Its curriculum teaches skills in a structured sequence and measures the trainees' performance as those skills are demonstrated. The ability to provide timely feedback in each scenario serves to motivate trainees by showing how to improve performance.



As the trainee experiences the scenarios and practical hands-on training, the trainee will progress from simple basic controls to more complex skills development through execution, feedback, learner control and replication. The trainee will have the option to operate large pickup trucks, city cab, over the road tractors, buses and fire trucks in the simulated environment. In addition, they can pull gooseneck, tanker, 28', 40', 45', 48' and 53' trailers through urban, suburban, highway and mountain scenarios.



ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- Truckers against Trafficking
 - Harassment in the Workplace Training
 - Professionalism Training
 - Wyoming Highway Patrol - Port of Entry Procedures
 - Wyoming Highway Patrol - Disqualification Lecture
 - Compliance, Safety, Accountability (CSA)
- Training categories consist of:
- Unsafe driving
 - Crash Indicators
 - Hours of Service Compliance
- Vehicle Maintenance
 - Controlled Substances/Alcohol
 - Hazardous Materials
 - Driver Fitness

ENTRY LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING

LCCC's CDL program has proactively incorporated into the curriculum the Federally mandated training modules that will be effective February of 2022. All modules are available online (self-paced) or in a classroom setting. (*Courses are listed to the right*)



TRAINING EQUIPMENT

The CDL program utilizes Kenworth Over the Road (OTR) tractors, Bulk Haulers, and Belly Dump trailers. Students will receive training on 10-speed manual transmission. Automatic transmissions will be considered as demand increases.

TRAINING HOURS

Days	M-F 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM
Evenings	Three weekday evenings and all-day Saturdays

TESTING

LCCC has three Third Party Examiners on staff to administer the final practical test. We are anticipating getting all our instructors third examiner certified October 2022.

Orientation
Control Systems/Dashboard
Pre and Post-Trip Inspections

Basic Control
Shifting/Operating Transmissions

Backing and Docking
Coupling and Uncoupling

Visual Searches

Communication
Distracted Driving

Speed Management
Space Management

Night Operation
Extreme Driving Conditions

Hazard Perception

Skid Control/Recovery, Jackknifing,
Emergencies

Railroad-Highway Grade Crossings
Identification and Diagnosis of
Malfunctions

Roadside Inspections
Maintenance

Handling and Documenting Cargo
Environmental Compliance Issues

Hours of Service Requirements
Fatigue and Wellness Awareness

Post-Crash Procedures
External Communications

Whistleblower/Coercion
Trip Planning

Drugs/Alcohol
Medical Requirements

Human Trafficking
Special Rigs

Compliance, Safety, Accountability (CSA)
Crossing the Canadian Border
Basic Business Practices

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Will you offer Class A or Class B CDL training?

LCCC offers CDL training for Class A and Class B commercial vehicles on a regular basis.

Will you offer CDL refresher courses?

Yes, which can also be customized to the necessary industry.

How many days or weeks is the training program?

The CDL program offers day training from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, M-F, year-round. Day course duration can take between 4-6 weeks depending on proficiency.

Evening classes are offered from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM three nights per week and one Saturday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Evening classes will begin in the spring and go until mid-summer and can take between 10-12 weeks depending on proficiency.

How many total hours of CDL training will the student receive?

The course will consist of 140 – 160 hours. The hours are a mixture of online, simulator, classroom, and behind the wheel training.

Who administers the final CDL examination?

LCCC has three Third Party Examiners on staff to administer the final practical test. All instructors are anticipated to be third examiner certified by October 2022.

Do you provide part-time classes, full-time classes or both?

Full time courses are offered during regular business hours while part time classes are offered on evenings and weekends during the spring into the summer months. Completing the part time course will take longer and is anticipated to take place Monday, Wednesday, Friday evenings and all-day Saturdays.

Will there be any night time driver training?

Night time driving is part of the new curriculum along with inclement weather driving.

What kind of training equipment will be used (tractor-trailers, passenger bus, dump truck, etc.)?

The training is conducted in a tractor/semi-trailer so no restrictions are applied to the driver license. The simulator training consists of multiple training modules with the capability of adding weight, weather, road, city, highway, along with various other driving scenarios/conditions. The simulator also allows options to choose trailers of various lengths while displaying views on five screens, providing a realistic feel for the driver in a virtual setting.

Do you offer any training for other endorsements such as HAZMAT, Tankers, Double and Triples?

We offer HAZMAT, Tanker, and Doubles/Triples endorsement training. The actual test for each endorsement will be administered by WYDOT Driver Services.

Do you offer job placement assistance for those who qualify?

Yes, there is job placement assistance through the college. Two hours of classroom training are dedicated to job seeking strategies, such as resume writing, and interview preparation.

What kind of certificate/diploma will the student receive once the CDL training is completed?

The student receives a certificate of completion for the program from LCCC. Upon successful completion of the CDL practical test, a class A CDL license will be issued by the State of Wyoming.

Financial Aid

The college is proud to offer a variety of financial aid opportunities. These grants are available through our Outreach & Workforce Development program. 307.772.7351



APPLICATION PROCESS

- Register for Course
- Apply for Financial Aid
- Provide Documentation
- Obtain Commercial Learner's Permit
- Register in FMCSA Clearinghouse

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