

NWTC CDL Truck Driver Training

What will I learn?

NWTC is here to provide you with the necessary skills to earn your Commercial Driver's License (CDL) and safely operate a commercial motor vehicle (CMV). Our online theory course and Behind-The-Wheel training will educate you in the following:

1. Safety competencies while operating a commercial motor vehicle (CMV)
2. All skills required for [Entry-Level Driver Training \(ELDT\)](#) for range and road
3. Basic vehicle control skills and mastery of basic maneuvers including coupling and uncoupling
4. Skills required for industry needs

What else do I need to know about this offering?

We offer structured learning that fits your training needs. Half-day sessions are generally scheduled 4 days/week. We currently offer a maximum *student-to-instructor ratio of 2:1, so your learning is customized to your needs.

Program Cost

Payment is due at the time of enrollment.

Not financial aid eligible

Cost per Student:	Course Length:	
CDL Theory Course: \$349	16 hrs.	Online, self-paced. Up to 90 days to complete.
Class A Manual Range and Road: \$5,394 <i>First skills test included</i>	40 hrs. Behind-the-Wheel 40 hrs. Observation *2:1	Complete in as little as 4 weeks.**
Class A Automatic Range and Road: \$4,474 <i>First skills test included</i>	30 hrs. Behind-the-Wheel 30 hrs. Observation*2:1	Complete in as little as 3 weeks.**
Class B Automatic Range and Road: \$3,264 <i>First skills test included</i>	20 hrs. Behind-the-Wheel 20 hrs. Observation *2:1	Complete as little as in 2 weeks.**

**Range and Road time may be shorter if student-to-instructor ratio is 1:1. NWTC is a certified Third-Party Test site. We conduct the same CDL Pre-Trip and Road Tests provided by State Examiners.

These applicants are required to successfully complete Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) prior to being eligible for CDL skills testing:

- Drivers applying for Class A or Class B CDL for the first time
- Drivers applying for Class Upgrades (Class B to Class A)
- Drivers adding endorsements including hazardous materials endorsement (H) for the first time

The NWTC CDL Behind-the-Wheel test is currently available in English only. (Use of translator and audio assist for this test is prohibited per the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation. American Sign Language translation is permitted.) Individuals interested in enrolling in free English classes at NWTC can email ellinfo@nwtc.edu or call/text 920-498-5686 for more information.

Prices subject to change. CDL refresher and customized training available. Contact the phone number or email below for details.

Getting Started

1. Decide on CDL **Class A Manual** or **Class A Automatic**, or **Class B Automatic** course.

•**CDL Class A:** operate a combination of vehicles – such as a semi-tractor and trailer – with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 26,001 pounds or more. It also entitles you to haul a trailer that weighs 10,000 pounds or more. Special endorsements can be obtained for hauling specific types of cargo, such as hazardous materials. The following types of vehicles may be driven with a Class A CDL:

- Tractor-trailer, also known as a semi, big rig, or 18-wheeler
- Truck and trailer combinations, including double and triple trailers (endorsement required)
- Tractor trailer buses (endorsement required)
- Tanker vehicles (endorsement required)
- Flatbed vehicles
- Most Class B and Class C vehicles, depending on endorsement requirements

•**CDL Class B:** single vehicle weighing 26,001 pounds or more without a trailer. It also allows you to operate any vehicle towing a trailer that weighs less than 10,000 pounds. The following types of vehicles may be driven with a Class B:

- Straight trucks
- Box trucks, including delivery trucks and furniture trucks
- Dump trucks with small trailers
- Some Class C vehicles depending on endorsement requirements

2. Contact NWTC’s CDL team to get started with [Entry-Level Driver Training \(ELDT\)](#). Entry Level Driver Training includes **Theory** and **Behind-the-Wheel (Range and Road)** training.

- A. When you are ready to get started, email CorporateTraining@NWTC.edu with your choice for CDL Range and Road: **Class A Manual** or **Class A Automatic**, or **Class B Automatic**, along with your name, phone number and email. Our CDL team will respond within 2-3 business days with next steps.
- B. Enroll in and complete NWTC’s self-paced online **Theory** course by following the directions that will be emailed to you. Students have up to 90 days to complete the Theory course. A passing grade of 80% or higher is required to meet federal requirements.

Refund Policy for Theory Course:

Refunds are only available with the below schedule if no coursework has been started.

7th day of enrollment	100% refund if requested	No refund shall be granted if course is dropped after 60 days regardless of whether coursework was started. No refund shall be granted if course is started and not completed by 90-day deadline. Employer paid courses requesting refunds will be subject to different refund policy at discretion of Corporate Training.
21st day of enrollment	80% refund if requested	
60th day of enrollment	60% refund if requested	
After 60th day or coursework started	0% refund	

- C. Sign and return the completed CDL Student Acknowledgement form. (See page 4.)
- D. Schedule **Behind-the-Wheel (Range and Road) training** by contacting CorporateTraining@NWTC.edu or (920) 498-6373. Limited spots are available. Training must be provided by a certified training provider. See the following requirements that must be completed before behind-the-wheel training begins.

Other Requirements – Additional Expenses

Student is responsible for the cost of these items.

Before behind-the-wheel training begins, NWTC requires all students to have these 3 items completed.

1. Medical Examiner's Certificate (MEC)/ FED MED Card

Drivers Are Critical to Highway Safety. For commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers, the most important safety feature is YOU – the driver! The physical examination you take for your **Medical Examiner's Certificate** confirms that you are healthy enough to safely perform the demanding job of a CMV driver and to keep our nation's roads safe.

A link to find a Certified Medical Examiner can be found here: [FMCSA National Registry](#). Once you have found a Certified Medical Examiner, schedule your appointment. Please make sure to ask them if they will be providing the [Medical Examiner's Form](#), or if you should print it off before coming in. The CLP/CDL Applicant/Holder question on this card must be marked "Yes."

2. Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP)

The process of obtaining your CLP can be found here: [Wisconsin DMV Official Government Site - Requirement to obtain a CDL](#). The [interactive driver licensing guide](#) is a helpful tool to find information on commercial driving.

The [Wisconsin CDL practice knowledge test](#) and [Wisconsin Commercial Driver's Manual](#) are great resources for those looking for a career in commercial driving. Please use them to help you prepare for the CDL CLP knowledge test(s).

All knowledge tests at the DMV are free and do not require an appointment. You must present a valid regular (class D) driver's license at the time of testing. If you will be taking your knowledge test(s) toward the end of the day, please arrive at least 2 hours before the [DMV Customer Service Center's](#) closing time to ensure you have enough time to complete your test. CDL knowledge tests generally take about 1 to 1½ hours to complete. Passing grade is 80% or more correct answers. Three tests are required for Class A. Study and take one test at a time in the following order: Section 5 Air Brakes, Section 6 Combinations, and General Knowledge Sections 1-3, 5&6. Two tests are required for Class B. Study and take in the following order: Section 5 Air Brakes and General Knowledge Sections 1-3

Upon successful completion of the appropriate knowledge test(s), you will be issued a CLP. A CLP authorizes you to practice on public roads with a qualified CDL holder sitting next to you. Your CLP will be valid for 180 days and can be renewed, if needed. In addition to passing the appropriate knowledge test(s), the following will be required to apply for a CLP:

- Completed [\(MV3001\) application](#). We recommend completing all forms online, printing them, and bringing them with you.
- [Proof of identity](#)
- [Proof of legal status in the U.S.](#)
- Completed [form MV3230](#) (to certify your [tier of operation](#))
- [Federal Medical Examiner's Certificate](#) (MEC/Fed Med card)
- [Driver licensing fee](#)

Please review the list of offenses to see if you may have any of them on your record that would disqualify you from obtaining your CLP: <https://csa.fmcsa.dot.gov/safetyplanner/MyFiles/SubSections.aspx?ch=23&sec=67&sub=158>

3. FMCSA/DOT Drug Screen

FMCSA DOT drug screen can be requested with your Federal Medical Exam or completed as a separate appointment 14 days prior to beginning behind the wheel training.

Corporate Training & Economic Development
Commercial Driver's License Training Program
Customer Acknowledgement Form

I hereby acknowledge that I am responsible for ensuring that all my paperwork is complete and valid throughout the duration of the commercial driving training program. I understand that failure to provide accurate and up-to-date documentation may result in delays or denial of my training.

Required Documents:

1. Valid Driver's License
2. Commercial Learner's Permit
3. Medical Examiner's Certificate/Fed Med Card

I confirm that I have reviewed the expiration dates on the list of required documents and will submit all necessary paperwork in a timely manner.

Customer Information:

- Name (Print): _____
- Phone Number: _____
- Email: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____