



## Transportation/Commercial Driving Programs

# Class A CDL Professional Driving Certificate CTKK-1095

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After taking this four-week, short-term training program, students can earn a good living driving a semi. Learn the safe driving skills necessary to get a Class A CDL in Iowa and a well-paying job. The program includes both classroom instruction as well as hands-on training in our specialized truck driving range. Tuition includes books, backing and skills training, and coaching the professional driver training, along with testing with certified Iowa DOT examiners at our site. This course is a certified program through the Professional Truck Driver Institute (PTDI).

Ready to learn more? Complete our information form at [www.kirkwood.edu/ce\\_certificatesform](http://www.kirkwood.edu/ce_certificatesform) or contact a student advisor today at [ceadvising@kirkwood.edu](mailto:ceadvising@kirkwood.edu) or 319-398-5529.

### **Course List:**

Class A CDL; Coaching the Professional Driver; Advanced Backing; Truckers Against Trafficking; HAZMAT and FMCSA Regulations

### **Delivery Method:**

Classroom, Hands-on Driving Training

### **Length of Program and CEU Credits:**

206 hours, 24.72 CEUs

### **Entrance Requirements/Prerequisites:**

Students must be at least 18 years old. Applicants who are 18 – 21 years of age are only allowed to drive within state lines (intrastate). Students must have the following three documents obtained and/or completed before attending the course: 1.) A Class A CDL permit from any Iowa Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) 14 days prior to the start date of the class. To obtain a permit, students must pass the general knowledge, airbrakes, and combination vehicle tests at the DMV. 2.) A Department of Transportation long-form physical, completed within 10 days before the start of the class. 3.) A pre-employment drug test, completed within 10 days before the start of the class, as mandated by federal regulations. Random testing may be required during the length of the program.

### **Other Items to Know About this Course:**

All classroom materials are included in the tuition fee and will be provided in class. Students are responsible for the fee at the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) for the CDL permit as well as the fees for the Department of Transportation long-form physical and pre-employment drug test. Upon passing the class, students are responsible for the fee to obtain their license at the DMV. Fees may vary depending on location, renewal of current license, and health insurance coverage.

### **Program Completion Requirements:**

This is a pass/fail certificate. Students must complete and pass the pre-trip inspection, advance backing, and over the road test in order to pass the certificate program and obtain their license. Students may have one excused absence throughout the course.

**Industry Credentials Earned:**

Class A CDL

**Pathway to Credit Program:**

None

**Tuition Assistance:**

Yes

**Course Objectives:**

- Develop driving skills in maneuvering semitrailer equipment as required by the trucking industry, including advanced backing techniques.
- Acquaint students with safety regulations and precautions throughout the training program.
- Identify Department of Transportation laws and regulations governing truck traffic.
- Develop the proper attitude of responsible employees who will perform their duties in a manner that will be a credit to the occupation.
- Provide a general overview of the trucking industry, how it functions, and what to expect as drivers.
- Acquaint students with driving on public streets and highways through applied “touch driving” experience in traffic.

**Learning Outcomes:**

Students will obtain their Class A CDL and be able to operate a semi truck or find other possible careers in the transportation industry. Students are assisted in finding full-time employment with interstate trucking companies that hire graduates directly out of the course.

**Careers:**

Source: Career Coach 2018, Kirkwood Community College region.

**Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers**

Average hourly earnings: \$25

Starting hourly earnings: \$18

Projected job openings (2018 – 2023): 4,897

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