

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

Program Cost

Payment is due at the time of enrollment.

***Not financial aid eligible

Total Approximate Cost:

Course Length:

CDL Theory Course: \$349	16 hrs.	Online, self-paced. Up to 90 days to complete.
Class A Manual: \$4,699 *2:1	40 hrs. Behind-the-Wheel 40 hrs. Observation	Complete in 4 weeks.
Class A Automatic: \$3,999 *2:1	30 hrs. Behind-the-Wheel 30 hrs. Observation	Complete in 3 weeks.
Class B Automatic: \$2,899 *2:1	20 hrs. Behind-the-Wheel 20 hrs. Observation	Complete in 2 weeks.

NWTC is a certified Third-Party Test site. We conduct the same CDL Pre-Trip and Road Tests provided by State Examiners.

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.

Questions? 920-498-6373 or CorporateTraining@NWTC.edu

How do I get started?

1. Decide on CDL Class A Manual or Automatic, or CDL 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:

- Tractor-trailer, also known as a semi, big rig, or 18-wheeler
- Truck and trailer combinations, including double and triple trailers
- Tractor trailer buses
- Tanker vehicles
- 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. Complete [Entry-Level Driver Training \(ELDT\)](#). Entry Level Driver Training includes **Theory** and **Behind-the-Wheel (BTW) training**. The following 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 Hazardous Materials Endorsement (H)

- A. Enroll in and complete NWTC’s self-paced online **Theory** course. To enroll in the theory course, email corporatetraining@nwtc.edu or call (920) 498-6373. Students will have 90 days to complete the Theory course. **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	

- B. Schedule **behind-the-wheel (BTW) training** by contacting corporatetraining@nwtc.edu or call (920) 498-6373. Limited spots are available. BTW training must be provided by a certified training provider. See the following requirements that must be completed before behind-the-wheel training can be scheduled.

Before behind-the-wheel training begins, NWTC requires all students to have these 3 items completed. Student is responsible for the cost of these items:

1. Federal Medical ID Card (FED MED) (Completed with Healthcare Provider)
2. Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP) (Completed with DMV)
3. DOT Drug Screen (Completed with Healthcare Provider)

1. Obtaining your FED MED card/Medical Examiner's Certificate (MEC):

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: [National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners](#). Once you have found a Certified Medical Examiner schedule your appointment. Please make sure to ask them if they will be providing the [Medical Examiners 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. Obtaining your CLP:

The process of obtaining your CLP can be found here: [Wisconsin DMV Official Government Site -CDL How to Apply \(wisconsin.gov\)](#). We recommend the [interactive driver licensing guide](#) as a helpful tool for those looking for information on commercial driving.

Also, 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.

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 Certificate](#) (Fed Med card) if certifying tier 1 or tier 3
- [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. DOT Drug Screen:

A DOT drug screen can be requested with your Federal Medical appointment or completed as a separate appointment. To find a DOT drug screen provider, please visit: <http://www.securescreen.org/testing-locations/wisconsin-drug-screening/>. This needs to be completed no earlier than 30 days prior to the start of your behind the wheel training.