

LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CURRICULUM GUIDE

Truck Driver Training Certificate of Completion

Curriculum Code: 0262 (Effective Fall 2006 – Summer 2007)

A truck driver operates a commercial vehicle that weighs over 10,000 pounds and is used in either intrastate or interstate travel. A person must be able to safely operate a large displacement vehicle in all traffic conditions. Truck drivers also need to maintain records that are required by state and federal regulations and employers. Before beginning the program, students must pass a physical and eye exam as well as have a good driving record. Students are subject to drug and alcohol testing as required by the Department of Transportation. There is limited enrollment, so there may be a short waiting period before starting the program. Upon successfully completing the program, a student will receive a certificate of completion from the college and be qualified for a class "A" Commercial Drivers License (CDL).

PREREQUISITES

Students should see *Course Descriptions* or *Course Offerings* for course prerequisite information. See the *Assessment and Placement Testing* section for skills assessment and advising information.

INFORMATION

The admission and/or graduation requirements for this program may change each academic year. **The program requirements below apply only to those students who have been admitted to the program for the 2005/2006 academic year.** For the most recent and complete information, interested students should contact Lansing Community College, Truck Driver Training Program, 2417 25th Street, Augusta, MI 49012, telephone number (877) 544-3126.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE TRUCK DRIVER TRAINING PROGRAM

In order to be considered as a candidate for this program, an applicant must meet the following admission requirements:

- a. Submit to the Truck Driver Training Program a completed Selective Admissions Application, a completed Truck Driver Training Application, and a \$100 deposit or letter from a sponsoring agency or approved company indicating financial responsibility for applicable tuition and fees. (This deposit is refunded upon cancellation if the College is notified at least 18 days prior to the class starting date.)
- b. Have a valid driver's license. A Commercial License is not necessary while attending school, but will be required prior to being hired for work. Have an acceptable driving record. All driving records are checked through the Secretary of State and reviewed individually. The school will apply for each applicant's Motor Vehicle Record which takes 10-14 days to receive.
- c. Must be eligible for a "Temporary Instruction Permit" (T.I.P.). The State of Michigan requires all truck drivers to have a Commercial Driver's License. Any person learning to drive a tractor-trailer unit (such as those operated by Lansing Community College) must be in possession of a T.I.P. or "Temporary Instruction Permit". **WE WILL PREPARE STUDENTS TO OBTAIN THEIR "T.I.P." DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF CLASS.** Written tests will be administered by Secretary of State personnel in the L.C.C. classroom.

Persons shall be considered ineligible for a T.I.P. if they:

1. Fail to pass the written examination.
2. Have been charged in the 24 months immediately preceding application with a total of 12 or more points.
3. Have had their license suspended or revoked in the 36 months immediately preceding application unless that suspension or revocation was due to a revocation by temporary medical condition, failure to appear for re-exam or failure to appear in court for a traffic violation, an unsatisfied judgement or a no-fault insurance violation.
4. Have been convicted of a 6 point violation or an impaired driving charge (4 points) in the 24 months immediately preceding application.

Applicants residing outside the State of Michigan must supply a copy of their own driving record from the State in which they are licensed and must possess a T.I.P. from their licensing State.

- d. Be able to read, write and speak the English language. A high school diploma is not required, but students must be able to compute simple fractions and know general math for correct log book tabulation.
- e. Be able to pass the Department of Transportation (D.O.T.) physical examination. The physical form and card can be obtained from the LCC Truck Driver Training Program. PLEASE NOTE: THE TDT PROGRAM MUST RECEIVE THE APPLICANT'S COMPLETED D.O.T. PHYSICAL FORM SIGNED BY A PHYSICIAN BEFORE ACCEPTANCE INTO THE PROGRAM. The fee for the physical exam is the applicant's responsibility.
- f. Be at least 18 years old. Those persons between the ages of 18 & 21 should realize job opportunities are limited for persons in this age bracket, and they will more than likely experience difficulty in obtaining employment. Graduates must be 21 years of age to drive outside the State of Michigan.
- g. Be able to appear for 200 hours of instruction during the five weeks of training. Classes begin at 8:00 a.m. (Monday through Friday) and students are expected to be on time. Any student missing more than two days of class will be dismissed.
- h. Students are subject to drug and alcohol testing as required by D.O.T. regulations.
- i. The Truck Driver Training Program is a short streamlined program. Any previous driving experience along with some mechanical aptitude is beneficial to a student. APPLICANTS SHOULD KNOW HOW TO SHIFT A STRAIGHT STICK TRANSMISSION AND USE A CLUTCH PRIOR TO ATTENDING.

TRUCK DRIVER TRAINING COURSE REQUIREMENTS

REQUIREMENTS		TOTAL: 9 CREDITS
CODE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
TDTP110	Truck Driver Training I	3
TDTP111	Truck Driver Training II	3
TDTP112	Truck Driver Training III	3
MINIMUM TOTAL		9

NOTE:

1. The Program provides 140 hours in range and highway driving and 60 hours in classroom instruction situations. Range training includes an over-the-road trip of over 1,000 miles, permitting the students to gain over-the-road experience.