



# Truck Driving

Technical Diploma 9 Weeks | 9 Credits

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## Program Requirements

Please allow enough time to study the manual and/or complete the CDL Permit Prep course prior to taking the permit tests.

Northwood Tech offers CDL Permit Prep courses!

### Must meet and/or provide the first day of class:

- ☐ 18 years of age or older
- ☐ Verification of valid driver's license
- ☐ Verification of DOT physical exam and FMCSA Pre-Employment drug test  
Health care providers and many chiropractors can provide this exam. Students should state that they are in need of a DOT physical exam when making the appointment.
- ☐ Copy of CDL Class A permit with air brakes  
To obtain a permit, students need to pass three written tests at their nearest Wisconsin Department of Transportation office. Although there is no fee to take the tests, there is an additional fee for the CDL Permit. The test includes:
  1. General Knowledge
  2. Air Brakes
  3. Combination Vehicles
- ☐ Meet all Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR) requirements  
View <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/medical/driver-medical-requirements/driver-medical-fitness-duty>

Northwood Technical College is a registered training provider in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) Training Provider Registry (TPR). We provide theory, range, and behind-the-wheel training which meets new Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) regulations. Updates on options for online and in-person training for CDL endorsements can be found on our website.



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Admissions Advisor on a campus near you.

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**800.243.9482**



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## CDL Class A and Class B Resources

Northwood Technical College offers an online CDL Permit Prep course each term to help you prepare for your permit tests. Students are also encouraged to utilize the Academic Support Center for testing preparation.

### Qualified DOT Physical Sites

#### New Richmond:

Brown Chiropractic  
Dr. Donald Brown  
715.246.2110

New Richmond Clinic  
Dr. David O Degear  
715.243.3400

#### Rice Lake:

Mayo Clinic Health System  
715.236.8500

Crotteau Chiropractic  
Dr. Steven Crotteau  
715.234.3808

### CDL Permits

To obtain a Commercial Learner Permit (CLP), you will need to pass written tests at a Wisconsin Department of Transportation office. The CLP costs \$30. There is no cost to take the permit tests.

#### The test includes:

1. General Knowledge–5 attempts
2. Air Brakes–5 attempts
3. Combination Vehicles–5 attempts (Not required for Class B)

**Do not use all 5 attempts** before contacting a Northwood Tech instructor or you will have to wait one calendar year to retake.

Tests can be taken individually by section. CLP is good for 6 months/180 days. Please refer to the manual to study for the test at <https://wisconsindot.gov/Documents/dmv/shared/bds356-cdl-manual.pdf>

### DOT Physical and Drug Test

- ☐ Find certified Medical Examiners  
<https://nationalregistry.fmcsa.dot.gov/home>
- ☐ A DOT drug screen is required. Contact Northwood Tech for more information.



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## CDL Class A and Class B FAQs

### CDL Class A (Technical Diploma)

9-week/9 credit program with multiple start dates

Employers are seeking drivers who have completed the technical diploma, which includes Levels 1 – 3

Northwood Tech highly encourages students to complete all levels for employability

### CDL Class B (Continuing Education)

40 hours with flexible scheduling

## Requirements

### Admission requirements must be met before the first day of class.

Prospective students need to allow time to study for the permit tests and schedule a physical exam and drug test including receiving results.

#### General

- ☐ Must be 18 years of age or older; 21 if planning on interstate driving
- ☐ Verification of valid driver's license
- ☐ Pass the DOT physical exam and FMCSA Pre-Employment drug test  
Contact Northwood Tech Student Services to acquire a Federal Drug Testing Custody and Control Form.

### Wisconsin Commercial Driver's Manual:

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Documents/dmv/shared/bds356-cdl-manual.pdf>

- ☐ Meet all Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR) requirements  
FMCSA – Regulations, Section 49 CFR: [www.fmcsa.dot.gov/regulations/title49/b/5/3](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/regulations/title49/b/5/3)

#### Class A Specific

- ☐ Submit a Northwood Tech Admissions Application
- ☐ CDL Class A permit with air brakes required

#### Class B Specific

- ☐ Register for the Northwood Tech Behind the Wheel class
- ☐ CDL Class B permit with air brakes required

For current fees, curriculum, admission requirements, and start dates, visit:

**NorthwoodTech.edu/  
truck-driving**

Payment plans are available; certain restrictions apply. Please contact Student Services for more information.

Applicants are responsible for DOT physical exam and drug test fees.

**Testing fees** are an additional \$150 and not included in the cost of the program.

\*This program is not financial aid eligible.



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