



Truck Driving

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

➤ 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. 80% minimum CLP is good for 6 months/180 days. Please refer to the manual to study for the test at wisconsin.gov/Pages/dmv/com-drv-vehs/cdl-how-apply/cdl-manual.aspx.

➤ DOT Physical and Drug Test

- Find certified Medical Examiners at www.fmcsa.dot.gov/national-registry-certified-medical-examiners-search
- When making an appointment, state that you are in need of a DOT physical exam and Pre-Employment drug screening. Bring personal identification.



To learn more about Truck Driving, contact an Admissions Advisor on a campus near you.

NorthwoodTech.edu/Truck-Driving
800.243.9482

Truck Driving CDL Class A and Class B FAQs

CDL Class A (Technical Diploma)

- 10-week/10 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)

- 20 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 Motor Vehicle Manual:

wisconsindot.gov/Documents/dmv/shared/bds356-cdl-manual.pdf After opening the link, click on the title for Part 391: Qualifications of Drivers and Longer Combination Vehicle (LCV) Driver Instructors. Refer to Subpart E: 391.41 Physical Qualifications for Drivers.

- 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
- Provide a copy of CDL Class A permit with air brakes

Class B Specific

- Register for the Northwood Tech Behind the Wheel class
- Provide a copy of CDL Class B permit with air brakes

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

**NorthwoodTech.edu/
truck-driving**

- For more information on testing upon completion of the program or for people not enrolled in the Northwood Tech Truck Driving program, please contact:

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- 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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