

Career Pathways & Outlook

Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers

- Industrial Truck and Trailer Operators
- Light Truck Drivers
- Shuttle Drivers
- Long-Haul/OTR Truckers
- Refrigerated Freight Hauler
- Hazmat Drivers/Tanker

CA Employment Trends

- Employment (2020) 188,600 employees
- Projected employment (2030) 237,200 employees
- Projected growth (2020-2030) 26%
- Projected annual job openings (2020-2030) 28,020



MCOE ROP Training Programs

Automotive Technology
Construction Technology
Culinary Essentials
Foundations in Early Education
Medical Assisting
Medical Office Administration

Regional Occupational Program

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Professional Truck Driving



Program Description

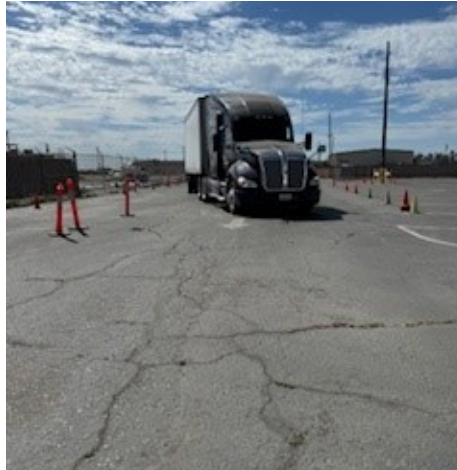
The Professional Truck Driving program follows a Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) approved curriculum. Students will complete three courses, Class A Commercial Learners Permit (CLP), Class A CDL Behind-The Wheel (BTW) training, and Class A Drive Test. ELDT (Entry-Level Driver Training) students will be able to demonstrate proficiency in basic operation, safe operating procedures, and advanced operation procedures. The students will learn about the vehicle systems, reporting malfunctions, and recording hours of service (HOS) with paper log books and Electronic Logging Device (ELD). Behind-The-Wheel (BTW) training will require actual operation of a class 8 CMV. ELDT students will practice basic vehicle control skills and mastery of basic maneuvers.

Admission Requirements

- Recommended 8th-grade reading and math levels
- Possession of a High School Diploma, Equivalency Diploma, or GED
- Ability to do physical strenuous labor and other strenuous activities such as lifting, bending, reaching, and climbing
- Must be a minimum age of 21 years
- Have a valid CA driver's license for at least one year and in good standing
- Be able to pass a physical examination (DOT Medical Examination Report) and drug screening
- Completed CDL Class A application (available online)

Program Highlights

- Class A Commercial Learners Permit
- Class A CDL behind the wheel training
- Class A Drive Test
- Behind-the-wheel training will take place on practice range and public roads



The Structure of the Program Includes:

- 8 Weeks
- 8 hours per day (Monday-Thursday)
- 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Lab: Friday by appointment
- Cost of Program: \$4,900 as stated via ETPL Listing on CalJOBS

Key Instructional Methods Include:

- Direct instruction via lectures
- Classroom discussions
- Demonstrations
- Online computer-based instruction
- Simulator exercises
- Road experience

What is Merced County ROP?

ROP stands for Regional Occupational Program. ROP provides occupational training programs directly related to a student's career interest area.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Merced County Office of Education Regional Occupational Program is to prepare adult students with relevant, high quality career training to secure sustainable employment and advancement.

ROP Goals

- Develop technical, and interpersonal skills
- Secure successful employment
- Upgrade academic and employment skills
- Enter advanced career-technical training
- Pursue post-secondary related courses

