

# Lake Area Tech CDL Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT)



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## **Prerequisites:**

To enroll in Written Test Prep and ELDT Theory a student must present a current and valid driver's license and have a satisfactory driver operating record (no serious traffic violations, maximum one speeding ticket in the last year). ELDT Behind the Wheel (BTW) Training requires proof of a Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP); ELDT Theory Completion, current DOT physical card from an authorized physician; and a negative drug/alcohol screening document from an authorized provider. Estimated expense: \$190

All students with a CLP will be required to register for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Association Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse (the website link will be provided).

## **Course Description:**

**CDL ELDT Training consists of 3 parts: Theory (Online), Vehicle Inspection (On campus), and Behind-the-Wheel Instruction (On campus, truck range, and over-the-road)**

### **Theory (Online Course)**

This course prescribes specific topics for each of the five areas of instruction (Basic Operation, Safe Operating Procedures, Advanced Operating Practices, Vehicle Systems and Reporting Malfunctions, and Non-Driving Activities). This online course will cover all the topics listed within each area of instruction. An assessment is then used to determine the driver-trainee's proficiency. Driver-trainees must achieve an overall minimum score of 80% on the theory assessments. Cost: \$200.

Among the topics that will be covered in the Theory Instruction are:

- Orientation
- Control Systems/Dashboard
- Pre- and Post-Trip Inspections
- Basic Control
- Shifting/Operating Transmissions
- Backing and Docking
- Coupling and Uncoupling (Class A only)
- Visual Search
- Communication
- Distracted Driving
- Speed Management
- Space Management
- Night Operation
- Extreme Driving Conditions
- Hazard Perception
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- Skid Control/Recovery, Jackknifing, and Other Emergencies
- Railroad-Highway Grade Crossings
- Identification and Diagnosis of Malfunctions
- Roadside Inspections
- Maintenance
- Handling and Documenting Cargo
- Environmental Compliance Issues
- Hours of Service Requirements
- Fatigue and Wellness Awareness
- Post-Crash Procedures
- External Communications
- Whistleblower/Coercion
- Trip Planning
- Drugs/Alcohol
- Medical Requirements

## **Vehicle Inspection**

The Vehicle Inspection training will prepare you to pass the vehicle inspection exam. You will be trained on the points of the vehicle that need inspecting and the verbiage necessary to be spoken while conducting the inspection. You will train on a vehicle that most resembles the vehicle you will be tested on.

## **Driver Behind-the-Wheel Instruction**

Both range and over-the-road instruction will be covered. The proficient completion of the behind-the-wheel training is based solely on the instructor's professional assessment of each driver-trainee's performance of the required elements of behind-the-wheel (BTW) training on the range and on public roads. The training will be completed in a vehicle of the same group or type that the driver-trainee intends to use for the CDL skills test.

Range training topics include vehicle inspection, cone navigation, backing and parking. Over-the-road training topics include turns, lane changes, shifting, and visual search.

**Course Length:** 4 weeks\* Monday thru Thursday - 9am-1pm (Inspection & BTW Training)

\*This course is competency based and as such, once students have shown competency in all areas, and are ready, their information will be uploaded to the DMV. They can then schedule the driving exam with a CDL 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Examiner. Once the student has passed the skills test and received their CDL, they will have successfully completed the course and receive their course completion certificate.

**Course Cost:** \$1375 per week (includes tuition, fees, online access, and books). Payment must be made in advance of class to start the course. No refund once the course starts. \$500 retained for late cancellation (one week prior to course start).