



SAUK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUCK DRIVER TRAINING PROGRAM

Course Syllabus

Division: Personal and Professional Development
Course: GSV 102 – Commercial Vehicle Operation

Semester Hours: 7.0
Class Hours: 8:00 to 4:30 (Day Class)
5:00 to 10:00 (Evening Class)
Prerequisite: At least 18 years old, show that driving privileges are not suspended, revoked, Cancelled or disqualified. Show certification of other state's driving license if possessed, meet medical requirements of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulation, or prove exempt status of not being subject to the regulations.
Semester Offered: Continuously
Program Coordinator: Bruce Hartman

I. Catalog Description:

This course is the driving or behind the wheel portion of the truck driver training program. The students will be expected to demonstrate the proper preparation, handling, safety, and driving skills necessary to pass the Commercial Driver's License (CDL) examination. The activities include in this course will involve both on the lot driving as well as over the road driving on city street and highways.

II. Expected Learning Outcomes and Related Competencies:

A. At the completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate mastery of the skills and competencies required for passage of the driving portion of the commercial driver's license (CDL) examination. These skills and competencies include the following components:
 - 1.1 Proper safety techniques and requirements
 - 1.2 Truck and trailer pre-trip preparation and inspection
 - 1.3 Controlled driving on a designated course
 - 1.4 In Traffic city driving
 - 1.5 Driving on highways and interstates
 - 1.6 Proper turning procedures and techniques
 - 1.7 Proper braking procedures and techniques
 - 1.8 Proper backing up procedures and techniques
 - 1.9 Proper gear shifting procedures and techniques
 - 1.10 Proper log book procedures

- 1.11 Proper coupling and uncoupling procedures and techniques
- 1.12 Proper mapping procedures
- 1.13 Proper weight adjusting procedures and techniques

B. At the completion of this course, the student will be able to pass the driving portion of the CDL examination.

III: Course Content

See Section II-Expected Learning Outcomes and Related Competencies

IV. Instructional Method:

Lecture
Discussion
Demonstration
Coaching

V. Instructional Materials:

Textbook
Videos
Handouts
Worksheets
Log Books
Calculator

VI. Student Requirement and Methods of Evaluation:

Student Participation
Demonstrate driving skills

VII. References:

Illinois Commercial Driver's License Study Guide