

(T20) Truck Driving Entrepreneurship

This certificate has been designed to expand the traditional truck driving training to include learning principles of business, marketing, personal selling, advertising, and entrepreneurship. Students completing the certificate will have the basic skills required to open, manage, and grow their own truck driving business.

Work and Employment

According to the Owner-Operator Independent Driver Association (OOIDA), there are approximately 350,000 owner-operators making this one of the largest groups of business owners in the United States. Nearly 45% of these owner-operators have received some sort of college education. Tractor-trailer truck drivers are expected to grow five percent from 2014-2024 according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The Sauk Valley region, with numerous industries and distribution centers, along with its position on the I-88 corridor, offers many truck driving opportunities for owner-operators.

» Special Considerations

To obtain employment as a commercial driver, individuals must be at least 18 years of age (there is no top age restriction), possess a safe driving record, be able to pass regular drug screenings and a Department of Transportation physical exam, and not have been convicted of any felonies.

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Major Field Requirements - Sem/Hrs: 15

- BUS 260 - Entrepreneurship Principles 3 Semester hour(s)
- CIS 220 - Computer Accounting 2 Semester hour(s)
- GSV 100 - Commercial Drivers License Regulations 3 Semester hour(s)
- GSV 102 - Commercial Vehicle Operation 7 Semester hour(s)

Electives - Sem/Hrs: 3

Choose one of the following:

- BUS 103 - Introduction to Business 3 Semester hour(s)
- BUS 105 - Fundamentals of Personal Selling 3 Semester hour(s)
- BUS 210 - Marketing 3 Semester hour(s)
- BUS 216 - Advertising 3 Semester hour(s)

Total Hours Required for Certificate: 18

Suggested Program

First Semester - Sem/Hrs: 12

- CIS 220 - Computer Accounting 2 Semester hour(s)
- GSV 100 - Commercial Drivers License Regulations 3 Semester hour(s)
- GSV 102 - Commercial Vehicle Operation 7 Semester hour(s)

Second Semester - Sem/Hrs: 6

- BUS 260 - Entrepreneurship Principles 3 Semester hour(s)
- AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
- BUS 103 - Introduction to Business 3 Semester hour(s)
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