

This program is designed to prepare individuals to obtain employment as commercial drivers. The classroom portion of the program emphasizes information required to pass the written driving exam, such as the rules of the road, log book requirements, and load regulations. Upon successful completion of the classroom portion, students will prepare for the driving test as they gain driving experience, learn how to hitch trailers to tractors, and safety techniques and practices. Students will be accompanied by an instructor and will use one of the trucks in which they learned to drive when they take the CDL exam.

Work and Employment

Every community in North America is served by the trucking industry. As a result, employment opportunities abound for local and over the road drivers. Men and women can earn above average incomes within a year or two of successfully completing the program and earning their CDL.

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.

Program Contacts at Sauk Valley Community College

- Community Education, 815-835-6212

Total Hours Required - 12 Hours

Major Field Requirements - 12 Hours

- GSV 100 - Commercial Drivers License (4 Semester Hours)
- GSV 102 - Commercial Vehicle Operation (8 Semester Hours)