



TRUCK DRIVING PROGRAM

TCAT enrolls four students each month into the seven week program. This is a full time program, Monday-Friday 7:45-3:00 pm. The course is divided into two sessions. The first session consist of three weeks of classroom instruction at TCAT Crossville. You will learn road safety, defensive driving, trip planning and logging, atlas reading, DOT specifications, and the pre/post trip inspection process. Upon completion, students will be ready to test for the Class A CDL Learners Permit. After completing the class work and receiving a learner's permit, you will begin four weeks of training with a TLD driving instructor. Students will be behind the wheel learning how to maneuver and back a tractor-trailer rig and will receive "over the road" driver training. This instruction will take place at TLD's practice lot and on the streets and highways in and around Crossville. Upon completion of the seven weeks TLD will provide a third party tester and the equipment necessary to complete the CDL testing.

Requirements: The following criteria must be completed before you are given a start date, with the exception of the drug test which is due the week before you start the class. You must pass the drug test. If you do not pass the drug test you will not be able to attend the class.

Step 1: Be 21 years of age & be a U.S. Citizen

Step 2: Must have a valid Driver's License

Step 3: Fill out TCAT online application at <https://tcatcrossville.edu/>

Step 4: TLD approval – Fill out TLD application and pass DMV check and certified background check tldlogistics.com

Step 5: Apply for financial aid at <https://fafsa.ed.gov>

Step 6: Obtain DOT Physical (do not obtain drug test at this time)

Step 7: Instructor will contact you one week prior to class starting for your DOT drug test

Cost / Financial Aid: There is financial aid available for this program if you have been a TN resident for at least a year and never have used the lottery scholarship at a TCAT before. If eligible the lottery scholarship will cover \$667 of the \$1043 cost of the program. You can visit your local career center to see if you qualify for help with the remainder of the cost. See Alison Nunley or Tammie McCloud in Student Services for additional information regarding financial aid assistance, 931-484-7502.

If you have any questions regarding the Truck Driving program please contact the Instructor, Tom Burdick at TBurdick@tldlogistics.com or text 865-696-0709.

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