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TRUCK DRIVING

Program Description

American business moves by truck, and the demand for reliable drivers is always high. Graduates of Scott Community College's ten-week Truck Driving program are sought for employment by area and national trucking firms who visit or call the campus regularly to recruit.

Scott's ten-week program allows for a minimum of 32 hours per week behind the wheel, city and highway driving. Department of Transportation (DOT) rules and regulations are thoroughly covered. An important component just added is the first aid and CPR course.

Our program devotes 64 hours to classroom instruction. We also prepare our students to take and pass the Commercial Driver's License exam, a necessity for all commercial drivers in the United States. Graduates earn nine hours of college credit.

Description of the Profession

A truck driver is a professional who may drive for a company, but is basically in business for him or herself. He or she must be good at time and business management and be committed to safe and courteous driving in all kinds of weather. Drivers must know how to navigate a route that may take them all the way across the United States, and they must know their vehicle inside and out. Truck drivers may find themselves on the road for two weeks at a time, making the preceding skills extremely important.

A local driver may be required to load and unload the trailer. Over-the-road drivers who haul palletized loads are not required to load or unload. Different loads make various demands of the driver.

Overall, a truck driving professional takes pride in his or her work and company, and consequently, may earn a great living with full benefits. After some experience, a driver may become an owner-operator.

Typical Duties

Vehicle Inspection (pre- and post-trip)
Proper Driving Procedures
Keeping Log Books (For safety and legality)
Responsibility for Freight

Companies that have hired SCC Truck Driving graduates:

Star Transport	Werner Enterprises
Transport America	Mansur Trucking
BP Trucking, Inc.	Roadway
US Express	Goettsch Trucking
Swift	Roehl
TMC	Stevens
Simons	Marten
CRST	CR England
SMX	Schnieder



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Employment Opportunities

The *Forecast*, a report on the present and future of the long-haul truck driver pool, predicts the shortages of long-haul truck drivers will increase to 111,000 by 2014. Over the next 10 years, economic growth will generate a need for a 2.2% average annual increase in long-haul heavy truck drivers, or 320,000 jobs overall. Another 219,000 must be found to replace drivers 55 and older who will retire in the next decade, putting total expansion and replacement hiring needs at 539,000 or an average of 54,000 new drivers per year for the next decade.

Source: American Trucking Association, 2005

Locally, our graduates can expect the same. Most graduates land a good job right away - many before graduation. The reputation of SCC's Truck Driving program is so strong, that trucking firms visit the campus regularly to solicit applications from our students. Our strong program completion and placement rates are proof.

Salaries start at about \$30,000 per year with full benefits. The need has been so great for good employees, some companies pay experienced drivers as much as \$100,000 annually.

Estimated Program Costs

Far Iowa Residents

Tuition & Fees -	\$ 1,008.00
Truck Maintenance Fee -	1,700.00
TOTAL:	\$2,708.00

Far Out-of-State Residents

Tuition & Fees -	\$ 1,512.00
Truck Maintenance Fee -	1,700.00
TOTAL:	\$ 3,212.00

Illinois students can enroll at Black Hawk College and get in-state rate.

Textbooks, approximately \$36.75 (prices are subject to change)

The cost of the DOT physical is additional and paid by the student.

Truck Driving Courses

TDT:110	Commercial Drivers License Regulations	2
TDT:130	Commercial Vehicle Operation	7
CERTIFICATE TOTAL	9

Day sessions start every seven weeks beginning in February and ending in November.

EVENING CLASSES IN APRIL AND JULY ONLY.

The program includes:

Commercial Drivers License Requirements, First Aid, Mapping and Freight Billings, Truck Maintenance/ Inspection, Emergency Maneuvers, Dock Operations, City and Highway Driving, U.S. DOT Rules and Regulations.

To sign up:

1. Send a completed application to Scott Community College.
2. You must take the Department of Transportation physical, eye exam and drug test prior to the start of classes. Give the exam form to your doctor to complete and sign. Return the signed form to the Scott Community College Admissions Office. Note: The form is used for college purposes. It is not to be used for company hiring.
3. You are guaranteed a seat only after all tuition and fees have been paid.

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