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EASTERN IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

TRUCK DRIVING

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

TEN-WEEK CERTIFICATE

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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.

Classes begin in February and run all year. Night classes are planned for April and July.

PROGRAM ACCREDITATION

The program is approved by the Iowa Department of Education.

FULL-TIME VS. PART-TIME STUDENTS

Primarily the Truck Driving program is full-time for ten weeks; however, current drivers who wish to brush up on skills may just take the driving portion of the program and test out after five or six weeks. For drivers who have a lapsed CDL and would like to renew the license, there is a refresher course now pending.

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Placement opportunities for graduates of Scott Community College's Truck Driving program are excellent. According to *The Wall Street Journal*, by the year 2005, there will be a 62% increase of trucks on the road. The *Occupational Outlook Handbook* states, "The occupations have among the largest number of job openings each year. ...growth in demand will create thousands of openings..."

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.

The location of our program is an advantage, too. Proximity to the I-80 corridor allows our graduates to work for any company in the nation from home in the Quad Cities.

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HOW TO ENROLL

A candidate for admission to the Truck Driving Program must:

- Complete an application for admission and send it to Scott Community College.
- Stop by the John T. Blong Technology Center to complete a course registration card and register for the Truck Driving Classes.
- 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 John T. Blong Technology Center. The form is used for college purposes; it is not to be used for company hiring.
- You are guaranteed a seat after all tuition and fees have been paid.

For more information, call (563) 441-4362 or 1-888-336-3907, toll free or e-mail rwalker@eicc.edu.

ESTIMATED PROGRAM COSTS

For Iowa Residents

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

For Out-of-State Residents

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

For Illinois residents – Contact Coleman Harris at Blackhawk College 309-796-5179

Textbooks, approximately \$36.75 (prices are subject to change)
The cost of the DOT physical is additional and paid by the student.

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PROGRAM / COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Truck Driving Scott Community College Certificate

Program/Course Descriptions

Program sessions start every seven weeks beginning in February and run all year. Night classes are planned for April and July.

Day Schedule:

Classroom: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. (weeks 1, 2, & 3)

Behind the Wheel: 6:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (weeks 4 - 10)

Evening Schedule:

Classroom: 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. (weeks 1 & 2)

Behind the Wheel: 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. (weeks 3-10)

Or (pending availability based on number of students)

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.

TDT:110 Commercial Drivers License Regulations (2 cr.)

The Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986 (CMVSA) placed more stringent requirements on licensing of all commercial truck drivers. This course is designed to deliver all of the needed information to take and pass the Commercial Drivers License General Knowledge Written Exams in the states of Illinois and Iowa. Along with the Commercial Drivers License required material will be units on log books and first aid training. (60 lecture hours)

TDT:130 Commercial Vehicle Operation (7 cr.)

Professional Commercial Motor Vehicle Operators not only need the necessary information to be successful, but they must be able to operate the tractor-trailer combination in a proficient and safe manner. This course continues to deliver the information necessary to become a commercial vehicle operator and also develops the skills and techniques essential to the safe and professional operation of a commercial vehicle. Information also includes training and certification in Basic Cardiac Life Support. (38.4 lecture hours/244 lab hours)

Prerequisite: TF:100