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Adult CDL Custom Training

What is a Class A CDL?

A Class A Commercial Driver's License is required to operate any combination of vehicles with a gross combination weight rating (GVWR) of 26,001 or more pounds. Driving a Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) requires a higher level of knowledge, experience, skills, and physical abilities than that required to drive a non-commercial vehicle. In order to obtain a Commercial Driver's License (CDL), an applicant must pass both skills and knowledge testing geared to these higher standards. Students will have the opportunity to learn from an experienced instructor both in the classroom and behind the wheel. Students will learn key commercial driving skills with hours of driving practice over the road, on the backing range, and in various driving conditions. This course meets the requirements for both Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT) and Hazardous Material Endorsement Theory set by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).



Course Outcomes

The Commercial Driving (CDL) course offered through North Valley Career and Technology Center is a combination of classroom theory instruction and hands-on training. Content delivery is provided in multiple formats including lecture, class discussion, audiovisual material, independent assignments, hands-on or behind-the-wheel demonstrations, and student participation. Training includes vehicle inspection, DOT regulations, driver's log, and trip planning. Hands-on demonstrations include simulator training and behind-the-wheel training on local, county and highway routes. Backing maneuvers including alley dock, offset, parallel parking, and straight line. Students will also complete pre-trip inspections, coupling and uncoupling, chain installation, and demonstrate proficiency in the hazardous material theory required by the FMCSA.

Course Checklist

The following must be provided before beginning the course and is required in order to operate a commercial motor vehicle:

- Current Driver's License.
- Current Class A Commercial Learner's Permit through the State of North Dakota (passing of the general knowledge, airbrake and combination tests).
- Department of Transportation (DOT) Physical within 24 months prior to the course. *If you don't have a DOT Physical done, you can call Unity to set up an appointment. (701)352-1620. When calling, please tell Unity this is for North Valley CTC CDL Class.*
- DOT Drug screen Completed. *If you don't have a Drug Test done, you can call Unity to set up an appointment. (701)352-1620. When calling, please tell Unity this is for North Valley CTC CDL Class.*
- Theory Class completed-Here is the link to for the Theory Class: [ELDT Theory: Class A Course](#)
- Complete CDL Registration-Here is the link, but all items above need to be completed first. <https://forms.gle/EQdJZSmeduahequv6>
- Once all items are completed an instructor will reach out to you for your assessment date.