

Professional Driver Training

Bates is the state's largest technical college, serving some 5,600 full-time students in guaranteed career training programs that include college-level academics, continuing education, business and management training, home and family life programs, and apprenticeship training.

The college offers 45 Associate of Technology degrees and provides job training for nearly 350 career tracks.

Commercial Truck Driver Commercial Local & Long Haul

Students holding valid driver's licenses prepare for employment as licensed commercial truck drivers, specializing in local (intrastate) driving techniques and procedures and long haul (interstate) techniques.

The goal of the course is for students to acquire a Class A Commercial Driver's License (CDL) with all endorsements, including doubles/triples and tankers. Along with being PTDI (Professional Truck Driving Institute) certified, this comprehensive course provides extensive hands-on vehicle pre-and post-trip inspections and operation on closed circuits and public roadways. Bates has the only Truck Driver Training Program in the state of Washington that is PTDI certified.

5-1/2 months (with open exit), South Campus

- Earn a forklift certification for up to 4,000 pound forklift
- Receive a Brake Certification Card
- Receive additional training on electrical systems and diesel engines
- Receive training on late model buses and earn your passenger endorsement (available in either program)

CAREER PATHS

- Local Commercial Truck Driver, Tractor/Trailer – Light and Heavy
- Long Haul Commercial Truck Driver, Tractor/Trailer – Light and Heavy



Company Profile

"Gordon Trucking Inc. has been hiring Bates graduates since 1986. The first driver we hired in 1986, is still at GTI, and has operated in excess of two million accident-free miles.

We have been very pleased with the drivers trained at Bates. These students are the best prepared entry-level drivers that we encounter. Each one enters their new career as a professional. We will continue to work with Bates in their goal of putting the best-trained, most professional drivers into the trucking industry."

Bruce Binder
Director of Driver Services & Safety
Gordon Trucking Inc.



Student Profile

"Truck Driving wasn't the only good thing that happened to me while I was at Bates. I also got my GED and learned a lot about computers. Learning to drive a truck is something I have wanted to accomplish all my life. Getting the opportunity to do that has given me a tremendous boost of confidence and helps me believe that I can accomplish much more in life than I thought I could."

Katie Shearer
Commercial Truck Driver

Compare Bates Truck Driving Program to other Driver Training Programs

Q. How does Bates stay current with the training requirements of an ever-changing industry?

A. Bates Program Advisory Committee consists of industry professionals who help advise faculty members and supervisors about specific career areas, program enhancements and changes. With the important contributions made by advisory committees, Bates keeps pace with society's rapid progress and, together, craft training programs to meet the needs of employers and students.

Q. Why is Bates' program so much longer than anyone else's program?

A. Our program is self-paced and competency-based, which allows you to leave when you have completed the required curriculum. At Bates we don't just train you to be able to pass a drive test, we also train you in the areas of material handling, logbooks, brake systems, yard operations, map reading, and others, in addition to city and freeway driving.

Q. How can Bates offer a longer program for less money than competitors?

A. As a publicly funded accredited college, financial aid is available to our students. Bates Truck Driving program is available through the college's pre-employment program at no cost to students who qualify.

Q. Why should I choose a longer program over a shorter one where I can be out making money sooner?

A. Your marketability as a Bates graduate will make it worth the extra time you spend in our program. With an emphasis on obtaining a Class A Commercial Driver's License (CDL), training takes place in the classroom, on Bates' truck driving range, and on the road, using a variety of equipment.

For more information call 253.680.7410 or visit www.bates.ctc.edu

Bates Technical College is a publicly funded, accredited college that complies with all federal rules and regulations in providing equal access and opportunities in both the learning and employment environments. Bates subscribes to a harassment-free workplace and is an equal opportunity college.

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"98% of the students who successfully complete the Bates Commercial Truck Driver Program find jobs driving trucks."

