Dear Prospective Student,

Thank you for your interest in Bates Technical College’s Commercial Truck Driving-Entry Level program! We are very pleased you have taken the time to attend the truck driving information session to learn more about our program offerings and related career opportunities. These sessions are held the first and third Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. (no late entries) at South Campus, 2201 s. 78th St. Tacoma, building A, room A-105. Allow yourself approximately 45-60 minutes. No appointment is necessary.

Please review the attached information packet. You will find information regarding program costs, books and supplies, testing fees and other program specifics. You can learn more at www.bates.ctc.edu/TruckDriving or www.bates.ctc.edu/BookSupply

Bates Technical College is an accredited public college. We offer Title IV Financial aid Pell Grant, SEOG, federal work-student, student loans and Opportunity Grants to qualifying students. You will need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible. To ensure a rapid response time, financial aid applications may be completed online: www.studentaid.ed.gov. Financial aid staff members are available to assist you with the application process, visit www.bates.ctc.edu/FinancialAid for more information.

Although student housing is not offered on campus, a variety of housing accommodations are available within close proximity to the college. Public transportation is also readily available, providing convenient access to college campuses.

Bates Technical College complies with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Auxiliary aids & services may be coordinated through the Disability Support Services office at 253.680.7013, TTY: 253.680.7045

Again, we are very pleased that you are considering Bates Technical College and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

Jim Field
Career Specialist
253-680-7410
E: jfield@bates.ctc.edu

Appointments: 253-680-7403
Commercial Truck Driving-Entry Level
Bates South Campus  253.680.7403

1) Attend information session
   When: first & third Thursdays at 1pm
   Where: 2201 S. 78th Tacoma, WA 98409
   Building A, room 105
   The sessions covers:
   • Entry-requirements
   • Program costs
   • DOL abstracts
   • Entry testing
   • Funding options
   • Endorsements
   • Program openings

2) Complete a free Federal Application for Student Aid (FAFSA)
   Call 253.680.7153 to start this.
   Wait ten days to process, and then do a Data Sheet at the Financial Aid Office.
   Ask for the Estimate of Pending sheet.

3) Complete Free CASAS Assessment
   Given daily at 9am at our Downtown Campus in building E, room 307

IF YOU HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED COLLEGE-LEVEL CLASSES, THE CASAS IS NOT NEEDED.
JUST BRING AN UNOFFICIAL COPY OF YOUR TRANSCRIPT OR DEGREE.

4) Be screened for Workforce Education grants
   Call 253-680-7544
   • Worker Retraining
   • Opportunity Grant
   • Work First
   • BFET

5) Get on the list for the next opening
   e-mail jfield@bates.ctc.edu for an appointment when you have one of these
   • Estimate of Pending Aid
   • Veteran Letter of Eligibility
   And one of these
   • CASAS assessment
   • Unofficial copy of prior college transcript or degree
Commercial Truck Driving - Entry Level
Bates South Campus  253.680.7403

Frequently Asked Questions

How can I learn more about your commercial truck driving program?
We hold an information session the first and third Thursday of the month at 1 p.m., at the South Campus located 2201 S. 78th St., Tacoma, building A, room 105. No appointment is necessary. For directions, visit www.bates.ctc.edu/Maps.

Is Financial Aid available?
Yes. Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available to qualifying students. This may include: grants, work-study, and/or student loans. Apply today at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Other potential sources of funding may be Worker Retraining, WorkSource, Opportunity Grant and/or Veteran’s benefits.

How long is the program?
We provide 20-weeks of comprehensive instruction. Classes are held Monday-Friday. We offer day and evening courses.

Will this program prepare me for the hazmat?
Yes. Our training for the Class A CDL includes preparation for all endorsements including the Hazardous Materials Endorsement. Many employers now require the hazmat. Certain criminal offenses will disqualify one from obtaining this endorsement. For more information, visit www.dol.wa.gov

Can I complete the CDL drive test at Bates?
Yes, but only if you are a Bates student. A third-party (State of Washington) examiner will come on-site.

Prerequisites
Applicants must:
1. Possess a valid Washington State driver’s license;
2. Have a driving record with no DUI, negligent, reckless, or hit and run infractions within the past five years;
3. Have no more than three moving violations in the past 36 months (a state vehicle operating requirement);
4. Must be able to pass the Federal Department of Transportation physical exam and drug screen;
5. Not have a felony within the past five years;
6. Be a minimum of 18 years of age to enroll in local commercial driving; and
7. Be a minimum of 21 years of age to enroll in long-haul commercial driving.

*DOT drug tests require laboratory testing (49 CFR Part 40 subpart F) for the following five classes of drugs:

For additional information, please visit www.bates.ctc.edu/TruckDriving
Program Costs [2015-16 school year]

Program Length 2-quarters
College Admissions Fee $50.00
Entrance Test (Compass) $19.00
Tuition $5,769.18

The tuition does NOT cover any of the other program-related costs listed on this page.
NOTE: Students pay their tuition in two payments. 1st quarter $2763.83 and 2nd quarter $3005.35

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**BOOKS, TOOLS, EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES**
- Approximately $215.00
- Student equipment rental fee for CDL class A test = $60.00
- Student equipment rental fee for CDL passenger endorsement (optional) (Commercial Bus) = $60.00

[Learn more at www.bates.ctc.edu/BookSupply]

**OFF-SITE MISCELLANEOUS FEES**
- DOT Physical Exam $100.00
- DOL Instruction Permit $10.00
- DOL General Knowledge Test $10.00
- DOL Complete Driving Abstract $13.00
- DOL CDL Skills Test $100.00
- DOL Passenger CDL Skills Test $100.00
- Washington State CDL Driver’s License $95.00
- Application for a Hazardous Materials Endorsement $125.00 (optional)

Please check with the DOL or their website at www.dol.wa.gov for current pricing

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In accordance with Federal law, you will be required to take a drug test. Shortly after starting your program, your instructor will give you information on where to have this testing done. Your tuition covers the cost of the drug test.

*DOT drug tests require laboratory testing (49 CFR Part 40 subpart F) for the following five classes of drugs:
Marijuana // Cocaine // Opiates – opium & codeine derivatives //
Amphetamines & methamphetamines // Phencyclidine – PCP

- FMSCA is changing regulations about who can provide a DOT physical exam from “any willing provider” to a National Registry of Medical Examiners. A link to that registry is here:
https://nationalregistry.fmcsa.dot.gov/NRPublicUI/home.seam

- “MultiCare centers of Occupational Medicine is one of these providers. The fee for this examination is $100.00. The locations are listed on their website www.multicareoccmed.org, and an appointment can be scheduled by calling 1-888-280-5513, option 1 and ask for a private pay DOT physical at the clinic you prefer.”
All prospective students are strongly encouraged to attend a truck driving information session. These one hour walk-in sessions are held the first and third Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. in building A room 105 at South Campus, 2201 S. 78th St, Tacoma (I-5 exit 129).

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